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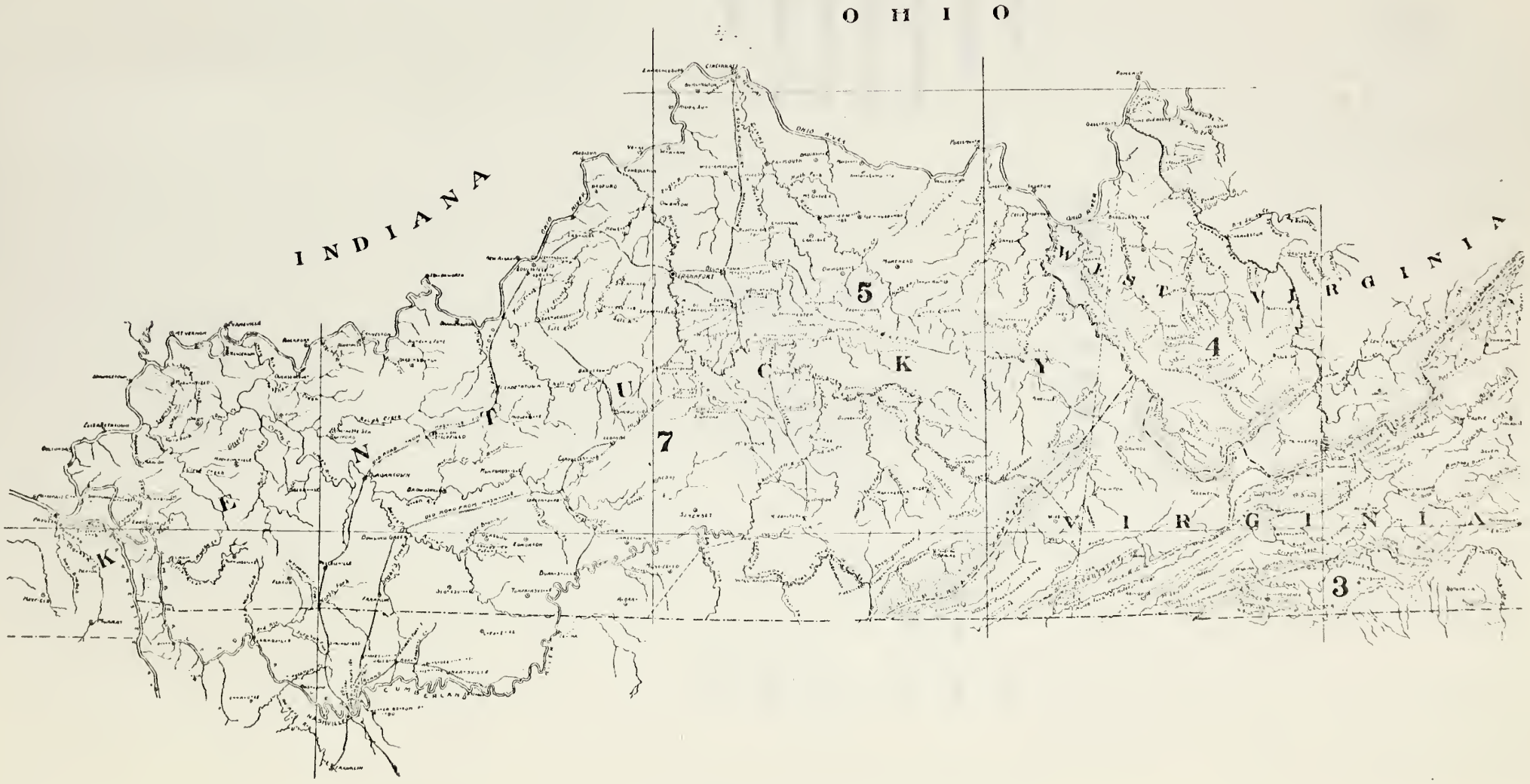
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THE original Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, from *Monday* 21st *May* 1770, to *Thurſday* 28th of *June* of the ſame year, is bound with the *November* ſeſſion of 1769, and bears the following title; "Journal *November* 1769, *May* 1770." In printing this Journal the Public Printer continued the pagination of the 1769 ſeſſion, which contains one hundred and ſixty pages, the paging of the 1770 ſeſſion commencing with one hundred and ſixty-one and extending to two hundred and seventy-one. Three copies of this Journal are now in the *Virginia State Library*, one in the *Library of Congreſs*, and one in poſſeſſion of the *Philadelphia Library Company*.

The Journal of the ſeſſion beginning *Thurſday* the 11th of *July* 1771, and extending to *Saturday* the 20th of the ſame month, was originally bound with the printed "Journals 1769 to 1772." It contains twenty four pages incluſive of half title which heads page one. There is one copy of this Journal in the *Virginia State Library*.

The ſeſſion of 1772 met after ſeveral prorogations, on *Monday* the 12th day of *February*, and adjourned on *Saturday* the 11th of *April* following. This Journal is paged conſecutively from one to one hundred and ſixty-four, and, like the two preceding Journals, is bound under the following title "Journals 1769 to 1772." In addition to the two copies of this printed Journal in the *Virginia State Library*, another copy is to be found in the *Library of Congreſs*.

The large trade carried on by the Colonies with the *Indians* reached ſuch proportions in 1770, that *George* the Third determined to leave its future management to the ſeveral Aſſemblies. Prior to that time the trade had not been regulated, and the reſults were not ſatiſfactory to either of the Colonies. Acting upon inſtructions received from *Great Britain*, the various Legiſlatures proceeded to conform with the intentions of the Crown, and adopted reſolutions appointing commiſſioners to meet with thoſe of the neighboring Colonies, to perfect a ſyſtem by which the queſtion could be effectually ſettled.

John Penn, Governor of *Pennſylvania*, in his communication to Governor *Botetourt* upon this ſubject, called attention to the fact that commiſſioners had already been appointed in *New York* and *Pennſylvania*, and urged that no time be loſt in effecting ſimilar appointments in *Virginia:*

Philadelphia[1] 5th *March*, 1770.

My Lord,

His Majeſty having thought proper to commit the future management of the Indian Trade to the ſeveral Colonies, I beg leave to acquaint your Lordp, that the Legiſlatures of New York *and this Province have, in order to conform themſelves to His Majeſty's gracious intentions, reſpectively paſſed laws for appointing Commiſrs to meet with thoſe who may be appointed by the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree on a general plan for the Regulation of that Trade. But as the good purpoſes of this deſign cannot be effectually anſwered without the concurrence of*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

of all the Governᵗˢ concerned therein, I thought it neceſſary to take the earlieſt opportunity of requeſting you will recommend it to your Aſſembly to adopt the ſame meaſure, and to co-operate with the other Colonies in promoting the ſucceſs of a matter ſo eſſential to the tranquility and proſperity of the whole.

Governor Colden *informs me that he ſhall loſe no time in communicating this propoſal to the Govr of* Quebec, *and I am now writing to Govr* Eden *on the ſame ſubject. I have the honor to be*

Your Lordᵖ's moſt obedient humble ſervant,

JOHN PENN.

His Excellcy the Rt Honble Lord Botetourt.

Replying to this communication, Governor *Botetourt* announced his intention of laying the matter before the next Aſſembly, at which time he would communicate their deciſion:

Williamſburgt, March, 1770.

I have received your Excellcys letter dated March 5th *together with an Act of Aſſembly paſſed by your Province, entitled: "An Act for appointing Commiſſrs to meet with Commiſſioners who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the Neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree on a general plan for the regulation of the Indian Trade." I will lay them both before the Aſſembly of this Dominion, when they meet in* May *next, and will report their determinations as immediately as poſſible. I have the honour to be*

Your Excellency's very obedient humble ſervant

BOTETOURT.

John Penn, Governor of Pennſylvania

The matter of trade with the *Indians* was ſoon overſhadowed by the queſtion of extenſion of the Weſtern boundary, which attracted ſo much attention, both in *Virginia* and *England*, as to prevent, for the time being, a diſcuſſion of the inter-colonial affairs. The queſtion of this particular purchaſe was firſt diſcuſſed in 1769, at which time a memorial to the King, ſetting forth the advantages to be derived by an acceſſion of territory, was preſented to Governor *Botetourt*, and forwarded by his direction to Lord *Hillſborough*.

In this extended Memorial of *Wedneſday, December* 13, 1769, attention was called to the fact that *John Stuart*, Superintendent of the *Indian* Affairs in the Southern Department, had propoſed a ſomewhat limited acquiſition of Indian lands, which, in the judgment of the Aſſembly, would not meet the requirements of the Colony. The bounds[2] as propoſed by this officer extended from the "interſection of *Holſton's* River, a Point, which would terminate the Line dividing this Colony from *North Carolina* to the Mouth of the Great *Kanhaway*."

The Burgeſſes repreſented that this line, as propoſed, would be about "Two Hundred Miles in Length, and muſt paſs through a Country abounding with high and rugged Mountains, extremely difficult and Dangerous of Acceſs, and interſected by many water Courſes." They further reported that, in "eſtabliſhing this Line, the great Part of the valuable Country lying on the *Ohio*, below the Mouth of the Great *Kanhaway*, which had recently been ceded to the Crown by Northern *Indians* would be separated from other royal Poſſeſſions in that Section, and that it would be impoſſible to eſtabliſh ſettlements in that fertile and extenſive country."

To his **Excellency** *the Right Honourable* **Norborne**, *Baron de* **Botetourt**, *his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* **Virginia**, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

My Lord[3],

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *having agreeable to our former Aſſurances, maturely and deliberately conſidered your Excellency's Speech beg Leave to renew our unfeigned Thanks for his Majeſty's kind*

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1 Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

2 *See* Map, *alſo* Fifth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology pp. 121-378.

3 Journal Houſe of Burgeſſes, December, 13, 1769.

kind Attention to the Intereſts of this Colony, in ſo readily approving the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations, in Favour of a more extended Boundary to the Weſtward. We are perſuaded that his Majeſty's ſole Motive for ſo doing aroſe from his moſt gracious Inclination to promote the Security and Happineſs of his dutiful Subjects; but permit us, my Lord, with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wiſdom, by an humble Memorial, to expreſs our Apprehenſions that his Majeſty hath not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of our Frontiers; and ſuffer us to intreat your Lordſhip, that you will be pleaſed to lay before our Royal Sovereign a more perfect State of the Matter, and endeavor to procure for this Colony ſuch farther Indulgencies, in enlarging its Boundary, as to his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, may ſeem juſt and right. On our Parts, we do aſſure your Excellency, that we ſhall, at all Times, be ready and willing chearfully to comply with every Requiſition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majeſty's Crown, the Extenſion of his Dominions, and the true Intereſts of this Colony.

But, if, unfortunately for this Colony, his Majeſty hath already taken his ultimate Reſolution to confine his Subjects to the Line propoſed by your Excellency, we muſt humbly acquieſce, and will furniſh the Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, according to the Eſtimate you have been pleaſed to communicate to us. And the ſaid Memorial is as followeth, *viz.*

The MEMORIAL of the HOUSE of BURGESSES,

Humbly Repreſents,

That your Memorialiſts having paid the earlieſt Attention to your Lordſhip's Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion, have taken under their moſt ſerious Conſideration that very intereſting Part of it which relates to the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations to his Majeſty, reſpecting the Extenſion of the Boundary of this Colony to the Weſtward; and as your Memorialiſts are extremely ſolicitous on all Occaſions, to ſtand fair in the Royal Opinion of their moſt gracious Sovereign, they humbly preſume to lay before your Excellency their Reaſons for not immediately complying with his Majeſty's Requiſition, communicated to them by your Lordſhip in ſuch very polite and engaging Terms.

Senſible as your Memorialiſts are of the many ſignal Advantages which would redound as well to his Majeſty as to ſeveral of his American *Colonies, they ſhould think themſelves blind to their Duty and Intereſts if they did not receive, with all Thankfulneſs, your Lordſhip's Information of the Benefits intended to them by his Majeſty's gracious Approval of a more extended Boundary, than had been propoſed by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern Department; but they flatter themſelves that a Reviſion of the Subject, if his Majeſty would once more be pleaſed to condeſcend to take it under his Princely Conſideration, would convince his Majeſty that his moſt gracious Purpoſe cannot be anſwered by eſtabliſhing the Line propoſed.*

Your Memorialiſts beg Leave to obſerve that the ſaid Line, if extended from the Interſection of Holſton's *River, the Point, which would terminate the Line dividing this Colony from* North Carolina *to the Mouth of the Great* Kanhaway, *would be near Two Hundred Miles in Length, and muſt paſs through a Country abounding with high and rugged Mountains, extremely difficult and dangerous of Acceſs, and interſected by many Water Courſes; that the preſent Poſture of Indian Affairs would make a ſtrong Guard of armed Men neceſſary for the Protection of thoſe who might be commiſſioned to run ſuch a Line, as it muſt neceſſarily paſs through a Country uninhabited, and through which thoſe Indians who ſeem at preſent moſt inclined to Hoſtilities, do frequently take their Routs;*

That by eſtabliſhing ſuch Line, a great Part of that moſt valuable Country, lying on the Ohio, *below the Mouth of the great* Kanhaway, *lately ceded to his Majeſty by the Northern Indians, would be ſeparated and divided from the* Britiſh *Territory, on the upper Part of* Holſton's *River, the great* Kanhaway, *and the* Ohio, *which your Memorialiſts humbly conceive muſt greatly impede, and may totally prevent the Settlement of that fertile and extenſive Country, which, from its*

Situation

Situation and many natural Advantages, would open the faireſt Proſpect of a very beneficial Commerce to our Mother Country, by ſecuring to his Majeſty's Subjects a new and extenſive Trade with the ſeveral Tribes of Weſtern Indians, which has hitherto been almoſt engroſſed by the Subjects of France; *and by this Means many Indian Nations, heretofore living at Enmity with our moſt gracious Sovereign and his Subjects, might be made friendly and uſeful in extending the Trade and Navigation of* Great-Britain.

That your Memorialiſts have the greateſt Reaſon to fear that the ſaid Line, if confirmed, would conſtantly open to the Indians and others, Enemies to his Majeſty, a free and eaſy Ingreſs to the Heart of the Country, on the Ohio, Holſton's *River, and the great* Kanhaway, *whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in thoſe Quarters, will, in all Probability, be utterly deſtroyed, and that great Extent of Country, from the Mouth of the* Kanhaway *to the Mouth of the* Cherokee *River, extending Eaſtward as far as the* Laurel Hills, *ſo very lately ceded to his Majeſty, and to which no Tribe of Indians, at preſent, ſets up any Pretenſions, will be entirely abandoned to the* Cherokees; *in Conſequence of which Claims totally deſtructive of the true Intereſts of his Majeſty, may, at ſome future Time ariſe, and Acquiſitions juſtly ranked amongſt the moſt valuable of the late war, be altogether loſt.*

Your Memorialiſts further beg Leave to repreſent to your Lordſhip, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of this Government, if the ſaid Line were to take Place, would be entirely diſmembered from this Colony, allotted to the Indians, and entirely loſt to the Proprietors, who were authorized by Law, and encouraged by the Royal Inſtruction of his late Majeſty to his Governor, to explore and ſettle this new Country at the Riſque of their Lives, and at a great Expence.

Your Memorialiſts, from theſe weighty Conſiderations, have been induced to extend their Views, and do humbly offer, as their Opinions, that a Line beginning at the Weſtern Termination of the North-Carolina *Line, and running thence in a due Weſt Direction to the River* Ohio, *may be accompliſhed at a much leſs Expence than the other Line propoſed; that the Extenſion of ſuch a Line is neceſſary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majeſty's Subjects, and that it would tend greatly to the Increaſe of his Majeſty's Revenue, and to the Promotion of the Trade and Navigation of the Weſtern Part of this Dominion, if a Purchaſe were made of the* Cherokee *Indians of all their Lands, which ſuch due Weſtern Line would include; eſpecially if his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed, in his Royal Wiſdom, to diſcourage all Monopolies of thoſe Lands, and ſtrengthen our Barrier, by granting them, in ſmall or moderate Quantities, to ſuch Adventurers as might incline to ſeat and ſettle the ſame.*

Your Memorialiſts, for the better Illuſtration of the foregoing Obſervations, beg Leave to lay before your Excellency as exact and perfect a Plan of that Part of the Country as they at preſent are able to procure, and humbly ſubmit the whole Matter to your Excellency's Judgment.

From ſuch Repreſentation as your Excellency may think fit to make, we preſume to flatter ourſelves that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to order a Suſpenſion of any other Line that may affect the very numerous Settlements of his Subjects to the Eaſtward of that now propoſed, till the Matter is reconſidered, and fully and clearly underſtood.

On *December* 18th, 1769. Lord *Botetourt* encloſed a copy of the Memorial of the Houſe of Burgeſſes concerning the boundary line, to *John Stuart*, then at *Charles Town, S. C.*:

Williamſburg[1] *Dec.* 18th 1769.

Sir

I have incloſed copies of an Addreſs and Memorial from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by which you will perceive that they have agreed to the Requiſition I have had the honour

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts, 1768—1776—Library of Congreſs.

honour to make to them by command from the King, but at the ſame time that they pray for a more extended Boundary than that you have recommended, and intreat that I will again implore His Majeſty to reconſider the merits of their humble Petition. In conſequence of that their deſire I have wrote the Earl of Hillſborough *and earneſtly ſolicited that they may be indulged to the extent of their wiſhes. I have likewiſe acquainted him that I have intreated you not to take a ſtep towards running any line until you ſhall have had freſh inſtructions from His Lordſhip. It remains that I beg your aſſiſtance towards compleating this great work, but ſhould you deem giving that aſſiſtance inconſiſtent with your duty, ſhall be obliged to you for your reaſons why this Colony may not be allowed to purchaſe from the Indians a moſt deſirable country, which would in time add very greatly to the value of His Majeſty's Quit-Rents. I have the honour to be Sir*

Your very obedient humble Servant

BOTETOURT.

M^r Stuart Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Replying to this communication, *Stuart* ſet forth his reaſons in detail for his propoſed line, and called attention to the Earl of *Hillſborough's* letter[1] of the 13^th of *May* 1769, which alluded to the report of the Board of Trade, concerning boundaries, and had been approved by the Crown:

Charles Town[1], 13 January, 1770.

My Lord

I am honoured with your Excellencys letter of 18^th December *with the addreſs and memorial of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony of* Virginia, *praying for a greater extent of Boundary than that pointed out in the report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and directed by His Majeſty to be ratified, and marked, as ſignified by the Earl of* Hillſborough, *in his letter of* 13^th May, 1769.

I muſt beg your Lordſhip will be perſwaded that in negotiating a Boundary Line between the Indian Nations and the different Provinces, I have been ſolely actuated by principles of duty in conforming as nearly as poſſible to His Majeſty's ideas and orders, ſo fully and clearly expreſſed in his additional inſtructions to all his Governors in 1761, *by his Royal Proclamation of* 7 October 1763, *and by his orders relative to the report of his Board of Trade, contained in the Earl of* Hillſborough's *letter of* 15 April 1768, *which evince his moſt gracious purpoſe of protecting and rendering ſtrict juſtice to the Indians, thereby to remove their jealouſies and apprehenſions, which our encroachments on their Hunting Grounds too well juſtified, and from which that diſſatiſfaction and hoſtile diſpoſition which proved ſo expenſive and deſtructive to His Majeſty's ſubjects, principally aroſe. I am therefore extremely mortified, when from theſe conſiderations my reaſoning on the ſubject of a more extended Boundary muſt differ from that of ſo reſpectable a body as the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Dominion of* Virginia *whoſe views and wiſhes I can have no motive to obſtruct or oppoſe, except what ariſes from an earneſt deſire faithfully to diſcharge the truſt repoſed in me.*

I beg your Lordſhip's permiſſion to repreſent that from the knowledge of the diſpoſition of the Indian tribes within the Southern Diſtrict, which my office of Superintendent has enabled me to acquire, I am perſwaded the Cherokees *will never conſent to give up the territory pointed at in your Aſſembly's memorial, becauſe*

Firſt. A continuation of the Line dividing your Colony and North Carolina, *from the point where it interſects* Holſten's *River, in a due Weſtern courſe, can never touch the* Ohio, *but will run within leſs than ſixty miles of the* Cherokee *towns, and fall upon the* Cherokee *River a little below* Chuola *or the* Chickaſaw *landing.*

Second. Said Line would cut off from the Cherokees *and* Chickaſaws *their only valuable Hunting Grounds, it being a fact well known, that they always hunt at*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts 1768-8776—Library of Congreſs.

at the diſtance of one or two hundred miles from their villages for an obvious reaſon, the ſcarcity of deer near the dwellings of a nation of Hunters.

Third. Beſides the diſtreſs which the Cherokees *and* Chickaſaws *would certainly be ſubjected to by the loſs of their Hunting Grounds, the ſettlement of theſe lands by adventurers from your Colony, who are likewiſe hunters and in other reſpects diſagreeable to the Indians, would prove an inſurmountable obſtacle.*

These difficultys, my Lord, would operate immediately with the Cherokees *and* Chickaſaws; *but the jealouſies and apprehenſions of every Tribe on the Continent, eſpecially of thoſe within this Diſtrict, would be again revived by ſuch an extenſion of territory, altho' they are almoſt effaced by His Majeſty's having moſt graciouſly directed to ſettle and mark diſtinct Boundaries; and in whatever manner the Ceſſion pointed at in the Memorial might be obtained from the* Cherokees, *there is the greateſt reaſon to apprehend that it would be productive of a general rupture with, and coalition of, all the Tribes on the Continent; for however Indians may quarrel amongſt themſelves, yet an encroachment on the lands of any Nation becomes a common cauſe, and attracts the attention of the whole.*

The Creek *Nation, conſiſting of four thouſand gun men have lately complained to me of Settlement being made by emigrants from* Virginia *on the unceded lands on the* Miſſiſſipi, *the* Chickaſaws *and* Choctaws *are more immediately affected by ſuch ſettlements, and alſo expreſs their uneaſineſs. At this very time there are in the* Creek *Nation, Deputies from the* Shawneſe, Delawares *and other Northern Tribes, accompanied by ſome* Cherokees, *endeavouring to form a general confederacy on the principle of defending their lands from our daily encroachments. The principal Chiefs of the* Cherokee *Nation ſent me the encloſed meſſage in* July *laſt, and immediately afterwards* Ouconnaſtotah *the principal leader ſet out with* 30 *canoes of armed men, to reconnoitre the ſettlements on* Holſten's *River, and ſee how far your inhabitants had extended beyond the line agreed upon by treaty in* November 1768. *Theſe circumſtances appear to be worthy your Excellency's attention, and I hope will ſerve to evince the propriety of my declining to recommend the propoſed extenſion: and here permit me my Lord to expreſs my great ſorrow for being obliged to refuſe my aſſiſtance, of whatever weight it may be, in obtaining for the Colony of* Virginia *a Boundary to the extent of their wiſhes. My ſentiments on the propoſal I ſhall candidly ſubmit to his Majeſty's Miniſters, and be extremely happy in carrying whatever orders they may think proper to give me relative to it, into execution.*

I hope your Lordſhip will think it for the good of His Majeſty's ſervice to reſtrain adventurers from your Colony from ſettling beyond the Line already agreed upon, untill His Majeſty's ultimate orders can be received.

From the ſuppoſition in the Memorial that the Line therein propoſed would fall upon the Ohio, *I muſt conclude the plan referred to, to be erroneous, for the Diviſion Line between* Virginia *and* North Carolina *appears by the Map to be in* 36″ 30ᵐ. *the* Cherokee *Towns are ſituated between* 35ᵈ *and* 35″ 40ᵐ.

I incloſe your Lordſhip my bill on his Excellency Genˡ Gage *for the amount of the Bill of Expences contracted by direction of Mʳ* Cameron; *and I have the honour to be with the greateſt reſpect My Lord*

Your Excellency's moſt obedient and moſt humble ſervant

JOHN STUART.

His Excellᶜʸ the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Lord Botetourt.

P. S. I have choſen rather to ſend my bill upon my Agent at New York *for the amount of the Bill of expences above mentioned being £*33 York *currency, which will certainly be paid duly. The abſtract of the Additional Inſtruction and Proclamation I ſend merely to ſave your Lordſhip the trouble of looking for the original.*

Replying to this communication, on *February* 8ᵗʰ[1] following Lord *Botetourt* ſtated to Mʳ *Stuart* that he entirely agreed with the objections outlined by him, ſo far as the acquiſition of territory without the conſent of the *Indians* was concerned. He flattered himſelf

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts, 1768-1776—Library of Congreſs.

himſelf, however, that his Majeſty's ſervants would be convinced of the neceſſity of acquiring ſuch territory, and he truſted that all officers of the colony would render their aſſiſtance in bringing about a ſatiſfactory reſult. The Aſſembly meeting on *May* 21st, the Governor laid before them certain papers bearing upon *Indian* affairs, and on the 30th of *May* following preſented for their conſideration other papers appertaining to the Weſtern boundary, including letters from *John Stuart*, Superintendent of the Southern Department.

Theſe papers were referred to a Committee, and on *Friday* the 15th day of *June* following, a reſolution concerning the boundary line was agreed upon. In reaching this concluſion it was neceſſary for the Burgeſſes to recede from their former poſition. This they determined to do, owing to the conſtant menace to frontier intereſts reſulting from the diſquietude of the *Indians*:

> *Reſolved*,[1] That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it may be extremely Dangerous to the unhappy People who may Settle beyond the Lines fixed on by the Superintendent of *Indian* Affairs as Limits between the *Cherokees* and this Colony, to Delay any longer entering upon a Negotiation for a more extenſive Boundary, which his Majeſty has approved of, and that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, to deſire that he would immediately take ſuch Steps as were neceſſary for entering upon a Treaty with the *Cherokees*, for the Lands lying within a Line to be run from a Place where the *North Carolina* Line terminates, in a due Weſt direction, until it interſects *Holſtein* River, and from thence to the Mouth of the Great *Kanhaway*, and that he will be Pleaſed when a Ceſſion of theſe Lands ſhould be obtained, to proceed to Mark and to Eſtabliſh that Boundary.

Lord *Botetourt* immediately communicated a copy of the reſolution of the Aſſembly to Mr *Stuart*, urging him to enter into an early treaty with the *Cherokees*, in order to ſecure as ſoon as poſſible a fixed boundary between their poſſeſſions and thoſe of the Colony of *Virginia:*

Williamſburg[2], 21 *June*, 1770.

Sir

Being authorized by the incloſed Addreſs of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, His Majeſty's gracious permiſſion and your letter of the third of Auguſt 1769, *I earneſtly intreat that you do immediately enter upon a treaty with the* Cherokees *in order to obtain, as ſoon as poſſible, for this dominion, a ceſſion of thoſe lands to which His Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſent, upon conditions which have been agreed to by the Legiſlature of this Country.*

I muſt likewiſe beg that you ſend me an account of the ſeveral goods and ſums of money which will be wanted for compleating this great work, ſpecifying as near as may be the expence of each particular ſervice; with the time and manner in which you would wiſh to have them paid; as alſo what aſſiſtance you will want from hence in running the Line, when it ſhall have been agreed to, with the exact time when it will be wanted. You may depend upon the greateſt punctuality in the courſe of this tranſaction. The whole expence muſt come within the £2500 ſtirling, which have been granted by this Government in conſequence of your own eſtimate. The higher the ſavings the more we ſhall be obliged to you.

I congratulate you on your being appointed a Counſellor Extraordinary of the Dominion and Colony of Virginia: *will ſend by 1st opportunity a copy of this letter to the Earl of* Hillſborough, *and have the honour to be, Sir*

Your very obedient humble Servt.

BOTETOURT.

Hon. Jn Stuart Eſq. Superintendent for Indian Affairs.

Acting

[1] Journal House of Burgeſſes, June 15, 1770.
[2] Bancroft Tranſcripts, 1768-1776—Library of Congreſs.

Acting under inſtructions from Governor *Botetourt*, *Stuart*, who was then at *Charles Town*, replied[1] under date of *July* 12th that a convention of the *Cherokee* Chiefs would be held at *Lochabar* on the 5th of *October* following, and that the queſtion of ceſſion of lands would be taken up at that time. The Governor was appriſed at the ſame time that the £2500 ſet aſide for the purchaſe of *Cherokee* lands would not be ſufficient to accompliſh the ends of the Colony, and that an additional of £400 ſterling ſhould be appropriated for this purpoſe. Lord *Botetourt* at once communicated to the Earl of *Hillſborough* the contents of *Stuart's* letter, and notified him of his deciſion to extract additional funds needed from his Majeſty's Quit-Rents:

Sir

*M*r Stuart *having in the incloſed anſwer to my expreſs acquainted me that near* 400£ *ſterling, more than his original eſtimate, would be wanting, in order to enable him to compleat the purchaſe of thoſe lands from the Indians, to which the King has been graciouſly pleaſed to conſent; I have preſumed to draw upon His Majeſty's Quit Rents for that ſum, as I could not otherwiſe have made good to the ſeveral branches of this Legiſlature the promiſe I thought myſelf authorized to make. Shou*d *your Lordſhip be of a different opinion, I will immediately anſwer your draught for* 400, *out of my private fortune, as I wou'd rather forfeit the whole than be guilty of even the appearance of deceit.*

I have the honour to be

Your Lordſhip's moſt devoted humble Servant

BOTETOURT

Williamſburg[1] *Aug.* 10th, 1770.
E. of Hillſborough.

Replying, a month later, to *Stuart's* communication of *July* 12th, Governor *Botetourt* authorized him to draw upon Meſs. *Norton & Son* of *London* for £2900 ſterling, the amount ſet by him for the purchaſe of *Cherokee* lands.

Williamſburg,[1] *Aug.* 9th, 1770.

Sir

I have incloſed to you an authority to draw upon Meſſrs Norton *and* Son *in* London *for* £2900 *Stirling by which you will perceive that the* 384. 17. 6. *which you have deſired, together with* £15. *in order to enable you to purchaſe gold by bills for* 300 *are both added to the eſtimate of* £2500 *with which you originally engaged to procure for this dominion from the Indians thoſe lands, to the purchaſe of which His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to conſent. I have likewiſe appointed Col.* Donelſon *a member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes to meet you at* Lochaber *upon* Friday *the* 5th *of* October *that he may be able to report from view, to our General Aſſembly, the whole of that tranſaction, may fix with you a proper time for running the Line and may be inſtructed in the knowledge of every thing which will be wanted for that material purpoſe.*

I am extremely pleaſed with the aſſurance you have given me that the ſtricteſt economy ſhall be obſerved; and as it has ever been the firſt object of my life to be remarkable for good faith and punctuality, I ſhall depend upon you in the preſent inſtance for that credit with the Indians which my actions ſhall deſerve.

I will be anſwerable that Meſſrs. Norton *and Son will pay due honour to your Bills for* 2900 *ſterling.*

Extremely your obedient

BOTETOURT.

*Hon. John Stuart Eſq*r.

On the 18th day of *October* following, a congreſs of the leading Chiefs of the *Cherokee* Nation was held at *Lochaber* in the province of *South Carolina*, and the treaty negotiated between

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts, 1768-1776—Library of Congreſs.

between the *Cherokee* Nation and *Great Britain*. A copy of the deed of ceſſion, reſulting from this convention, was delivered to Colonel *Donelſon*[1], a repreſentative appointed by Lord *Botetourt* to be preſent upon that occaſion, and forwarded by him to Governor *Nelſon* at *Williamſburg:*

Treaty With the Cherokee Indians[2]

SOUTH CAROLINA,

At a Congreſs of the Principal Chiefs of the *Cherokee* Nation held at *Lochaber* in the Province of *South Carolina* on the eighteenth day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, by *John Stuart* Eſq^r^. agent for and Superintendant of the affairs of the *Indian* Nations in the Southern Diſtrict of *North America*.

A Treaty for a ceſſion to His Moſt ſacred Majeſty *George* the Third by the Grace of *God*, of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith &c. By the ſaid Nation of *Cherokee* Indians of certain lands lying within the limits of the Dominion of *Virginia*.

Whereas, by a treaty entered into and concluded at *Hard Labour* the fourteenth day of *October* in the Year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight by *John Stuart* Eſq^r^. His Majeſty's Agent for and Superintendent of the affairs of the *Indian* Nations inhabiting the Southern Diſtrict of *North America*, with the principal and ruling chiefs of the *Cherokee* Nation, all the Lands formerly claimed by and belonging to ſaid Nation of *Indians* lying in the Province of *Virginia* to the Eaſtward of a Line beginning at the Boundary of the province of *North Carolina* and *Virginia*, running in a N. B. E. courſe to Col. *Chifwells* mine on the Eaſtern Bank of the great *Conhoway* and from thence in a ſtraight Line to the Mouth of the ſaid Great *Conhoway* River where it diſcharged itſelf into the *Ohio* River were ceded to His Moſt Sacred Majeſty his heirs ſucceſſors; and *Whereas* by the above recited Treaty all the lands lying between *Holſton's* River and the line above ſpecified were determined to belong to the *Cherokee* Nation to the great loſs and inconveniency of many of His Majeſty's ſubjects inhabiting the ſaid lands; and repreſentation of the ſame having been made to His Majeſty by His Excellency the Right Hon^bl^. *Norborne* Baron de *Botetourt* His Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Dominion of *Virginia*, in conſequence whereof His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to ſignify His royal pleaſure to *John Stuart* Eſq^r^. his agent for and Superintendant of *Indian* affairs in the Southern Diſtrict of *North America*, by an injunction contained in a letter from the Right Hon^bl^. the Earl of *Hillſborough* one of his Principal Secretaries of State dated the 13^th^ *May* 1769 to enter into a Negotiation with the *Cherokees* for eſtabliſhing a New Boundary Line, Beginning at the Point where the *North Carolina* Line terminates and to run thence in a Weſt Courſe to *Holſten's* River, where it is interſected by a continuation of the Line dividing the Provinces of *North Carolina* and *Virginia*, and thence a ſtraight courſe to the confluence of the Great *Conhoway* and *Ohio* Rivers.

Article 1^ſt^ Purſuant therefore to His Majeſty's orders to and power and authority veſted in *John Stuart*, Eſq^r^ agent for and Superintendant of the affairs of the *Indian* Tribes in the Southern Diſtrict, It is agreed upon by the ſaid *John Stuart* Eſquire, on behalf of His Moſt Sacred Majeſty *George* the Third, by the Grace of *God* of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c. and by the ſubſcribing *Cherokee* Chiefs and warriors on behalf of their ſaid Nation, in conſideration of His Majeſty's paternal goodneſs ſo often demonſtrated to them the ſaid *Cherokee Indians*, and from the affection and friendſhip for their Brethren the inhabitants of *Virginia*, as well as their earneſt deſire of removing as far as poſſible all cauſe of diſpute between them and the ſaid inhabitants, on account of encroachment or lands reſerved by the ſaid *Indians* for themſelves, and alſo for a valuable conſideration in various ſorts of goods paid to them

[1] Member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes from Pittſylvania County. [2] Cherokee Mſs.—Virginia State Library.

them by the ſaid *John Stuart* Eſq. on behalf of the Dominion of *Virginia*. That the hereafter recited Line be ratified and confirmed, and it is hereby ratified and confirmed accordingly, and it is by theſe preſents firmly ſtipulated and agreed upon by the parties aforeſaid, that a Line beginning where the Boundary Line between the Province of *North Carolina* and the *Cherokee* hunting grounds terminates, and running thence in a Weſt Courſe to a point ſix miles Eaſt of *Long Iſland* in *Holſten's* River, and thence to ſaid River ſix miles above the ſaid *Long Iſland*, and thence in a direct courſe to the confluence of the Great *Conhoway* and *Ohio* Rivers, ſhall remain and be deemed by all His Majeſty's white Subjects as well as all the *Indians* of the *Cherokee* Nation, the true and juſt limits and Boundaries of the lands reſerved by the ſaid Nation of *Indians* for their own proper uſe, and dividing the ſame from the Lands ceded by them to His Majeſty, within the limits of the Province of *Virginia*, and that His Majeſty's white ſubjects inhabiting the Province of *Virginia* ſhall not, upon any pretence whatſoever ſettle beyond the ſaid Line, nor ſhall the ſaid *Indians* make any ſettlements or encroachment on the Lands which by this Treaty they cede and confirm to His Majeſty; and it is further agreed that as ſoon as His Majeſty's Royall approbation of this Treaty ſhall have been ſignified to the Governor of *Virginia* or Superintendant, this Treaty ſhall be carried into execution.

Article II[nd]. And it is further agreed upon and ſtipulated by the contracting parties, that no alteration whatſoever ſhall hence forward be made in the Boundary Line above recited and now ſolemnly agreed upon, except ſuch as may hereafter be found expedient and neceſſary for the material intereſt of both parties, and which alteration ſhall be made with the conſent of the Superintendant, or ſuch other perſon or perſons as ſhall be authorized by His Majeſty as well as with the Conſent and approbation of the *Cherokee* Nation of *Indians*, at a congreſs or General meeting of ſaid Indians to be held for ſaid purpoſe, and not in any other manner. In teſtimony whereof the ſaid Superintendant on behalf of His Majeſty, and the underwritten *Cherokee* Chiefs on behalf of their Nation, have ſigned and ſealed this preſent Treaty at the time and place aforeſaid.

(Signed)

JOHN STUART.

(Signed)

Anconaſtotah's mark
Killaguſta's mark
Attahkullakullah's mark
Kayaloy's mark
Kinnatitah's mark
Uka Youla's mark
Chukannuta's mark
Skyaguſta Tuechkee's mark
Wolf of Keſwee's mark
Skyaguſta Teſloy's mark
Turrapenis mark
Enry of Tugalo's mark
Scaleluſky of Sugar Town's mark
Chiniſtah of Sugar Town's mark
Chiniſtah of Watoga's Mark
Otaſite Keywaſſee's Mark

Copy,

Teſte *JOHN BLAIR, JR.*

Early

Early in 1770 *Edward Montagu*, *London* Agent for the colony of *Virginia*, adviſed the Committee of Correſpondence, that one of the Lords of the Treaſury had reported to him that certain gentlemen were ſecuring a grant of land in the ſection recently ceded by the *Cherokees* to the Crown.

London[1] *Jan*[ry]. 18, 1770

Gent.

I have juſt received Intelligence from one of the Lords of the Treaſury that a Body of very reſpectable and opulent Gentlemen have made a Propoſal and offer'd a ſatiſfactory Sum for the Grant of Lands in your Colony which form the Frontier; from the beſt Diſcription I can get, "They are to the Southward Weſtward of the Pennſylvania *Line, down the* Ohio *to the Mouth of the big* Canhaway *with the main Branches of the ſaid River to the Mountains—then with the Mountains to the Chief Waters of the River* Monongahela *and with them to the beginning.*

It is propoſed to erect a ſeparate Govcrnment, and leaſt it sho[d] *operate in any Degree to your Injuries, collectively or individually, I have enter'd a Caveat at the Board of Trade to whom, It will of Courſe be refer'd for Conſideration. When it comes then I ſhall deviſe a Suſpenſion of the Plan till you have Notice of it, and can tranſmit to me your Approbation or Objection. I find that one of the great Inducements to the Treaſury*[s] *Aſſent to the Propoſition is that the Diſtances of this Country is ſo great from the preſent Seat of Government, that Juſtice and Order can never take Place (sho*[d]*. it be completely ſettled,) without forming a new Government there.*

I have the Honor to be

Gent.

Y[r]*. moſt obedient humble Serv*[t]*.*

EDW. MONTAGU.

At the ſame time *Montagu* addreſſed[1] the Lords of Commerce and Trade upon this queſtion of land ceſſions, and called attention to the fact that he underſtood that a grant had already been given of 1,350,000 acres of land to ſeveral gentlemen who termed themſelves the "*Ohio Company.*" This letter which bears no date, was moſt likely written during the latter part of *January*, or about the ſame time the communication was addreſſed to the Committee of Correſpondence:

To the R[t]*. Hon*[bl]*. Lords Com*[rs]*. for Trade & Plant*[n]*.*

The humble Petit[n]*. of Edw*[d]*. Montagu*

Agent for Virg[a]*.*

Sheweth

That your Pet[r]*. is informed "An Application has been made to the R*[t]*. Hon*[bl]*. Lords of Treaſury for a Grant of certain Lands in part of his Majeſty*[s]*. Colony & Dominion of Virginia" That the Conſideration tendr'd to their Lord*[ps]*. is ſatiſfactory and that ſuch Propoſition is refer'd to your Lord*[ps] *for your Deliberation as to the Policy & Expediency of ſuch a Meaſure, and whether it may not be neceſſary to ſever ſuch Lands from the ſaid Colony and erect a new and diſtinct Governm*[t]*. thereof.*

That Y[r]*. Pet*[r]*. is adviſed no leſs than* 1,350,000 *Acres of ſuch Land has been already granted, partly to a Society of Gentlemen called the* Ohio Company, *and partly to Individuals of that Colony, who cauſe'd the ſame to be ſurvey'd, and before the Comencem*[t]*. of the late War had made ſome Progreſs in the Setling and Cultivation thereof, but having been driven from their Poſſeſſions by the Indians and ſince reſtrain'd from returning by his Majeſty*[s]*. Proclamation they have not yet been reſtor'd to their juſt Rights.*

That your Pet[r]*. conceiving his Conſtituents totally ignorant of ſuch Application to the Lords Treaſury, and that their Lordſhips are informed of the Circumſtances above ſtated, humbly ſubmits it to your Lordſhips Wiſdom & Juſtice whether before*

[1] Montagu Correſpondence—Virginia State Library.

before any farther Proceeding is had on the Subject refer'd to your Lordſhips to the Colony of Virginia *ſho^d. not have Notice, and Time given to offer ſuch Objections as may occur ag^t. the Completion of ſuch Grant.*

Y^r. Pet^r. therefore humbly prays Y^r. Lord^ps. will repreſent to the Lords of Treaſury that it ſeems reaſonable and juſt the Col^y of Virginia *Sho^d. have Advice of an Application which if approved wo^d. be attended with a Severence of ſo large a part of its Dominion and affect the Rights of many who under Grants already obtained conceive themſelves entitled to ſo large a Portion of the Lands apply'd for.*

E. M.

Again on *Feb.* 6th, 1770, *Montagu* forwarded a communication[1] to the Committee of Correſpondence, in which he referred to his previous letters concerning the grant of the *Ohio Company*, and mentioned his proteſt to the Board of Trade upon the matter in queſtion:

London Feb^y. 6, 1770.

Gentlemen:

My two laſt Letters to you were of the 10th and 18th of Jan^ry. *the firſt attended with the Kings Speech on meeting his Parliam^t. the other relating to an Application to the Treaſury for a Grant of a very large Tract of your Lands that form your Frontier. Very great and opulent Perſons are combined in this Attempt, and it has been conducted with ſo much Secrecy, that till this Treaſury, had agreed on the Conſideration, no body knew of the Negotiation. The Inſtant I diſcovered it, I enter'd my Caveat at the Board of Trade. The Propoſition is now arrived there for Conſideration as to the Policy of the Deſign. I have preſented my Petition of which I ſend you a Copy, and as I have no Doubt of its Effect, you will be ſo good to furniſh me with your Objections in Caſe you think the Plan liable to any.*

Not a Word yet has paſſed in Parliament about the American *Grievances. The only Object of Attention is the* Middleſex *Election. Our Merchants in* London *have been extreme ſhy, and very unwilling to take the Lead in an Affair, as intereſting to them as* America. *We have prevailed on the Gentlemen of* Briſtol *to begin. They had a meeting, and have tranſmitted to one of their Repreſentatives an Account of conditional Orders from* North America *to the Amount of* £200,000. *The* Londoners *have at laſt followed their Example and at a very numerous Meeting laſt Week unanimouſly reſolved to petition the Houſe of Commons for a Repeal of the Act that impoſes Duties on Paper, Glaſs, Painters Colours and Tea. They have likewiſe collected the ſeveral Amounts of the condit^l. Orders which when produced to the Publick muſt be alarming. Today, (if no other Buſineſs interferes) Lord* North *intends to move for Repeal of ſo much of the Act as extends to the three firſt Articles, retaining the odious Preeamble and the Duty on Tea. If the Debate is carry'd on diſpaſſionately, I have no Doubt about a total Repeal, but if Abuſe Invective ſho^d ſtart, the Metal of both ſides of Houſe is ſo violent, that I fear their own true Intereſt will be forgot.*

Two Events of Importance have happen'd in this Country ſince my Letter. The Death of the new Chancellor M^r Yorke *within three days after his appointment, and the ſudden and unexpected Reſignation of the Duke of* Grafton.

I intend this by the New York *to morrow, if your Buſineſs comes on in the Houſe to day I ſhall add what may occur.*

The Parl^t. have paſſed a Bill to allow Ireland *and* America *to continue their Importation of Proviſion in* England *Duty free.*

I am

Gent^l. with great Reſpect

Y^r. very obed^t. faithfull Serv^t.

EDWD. MONTAGU

P. S. Pontffract *Election came on to day, and nothing was done in* America *Buſineſs*

[1] Montagu Correſpondence—Virginia State Library.

Buſineſs, but preventing the merchants Petition, which is ordered for Conſideration on Monday.

Concerning this grant of land, *Ford*, in his *Writings of Waſhington* notes the following:

"The treaty of Fort *Stanwix* (*September*, 1768) eſtabliſhed the bounds of *Engliſh* territory eſſentially as they had been propoſed at the *German* Flats. "Beginning at the mouth of the *Tenneſſee* river, it followed the *Ohio* and *Alleghany* rivers to *Kittaning;* thence in a direct line to the neareſt fork of the weſt branch of the *Suſquehannah;* and thence following that ſtream through the *Alleghanies*, it paſſed by way of *Burnett's* Hills and the eaſtern branch of the *Suſquehannah* and the *Delaware*, into *New York*, having its northern terminus at the confluence of *Canada* and *Wood* creeks. The line, thus propoſed, was not in accordance with the inſtruction of the Board of Trade. *Hillſborough*, who had ſucceeded the liberal *Shelbourne* as Colonial Secretary, and was bitterly oppoſed to any ſettlements in the interior, wiſhed to have the line extended no farther than the mouth of the great *Kenawha*, where it would then meet the line which *Stuart*, at a Council in *South Carolina*, had recently eſtabliſhed with the *Cherokees* as the weſtern boundary of *Virginia*. The temper, however, of the Confederate deputies at this time rendered it impoſſible for the Baronet to follow ſtrictly his inſtructions, without defeating the very object of congreſs." *Stone*, Life of Sir *Wm. Johnſon*, ii., 307. *Johnſon* claimed that the effect of this treaty, which was ratified in 1770, was to veſt the claim of the northern *Indians* to the country ſouth of the *Ohio* in the crown, leaving the Southern *Indians* only to be dealt with concerning it; "and ſhould they refuſe to give it up, it is in his majeſty's power to prevent the colonies from availing themſelves of the late ceſſion in that quarter, till it can be done with ſafety and the common conſent of all who have juſt pretenſions to it." *Johnſon* to *Gage*, 16 *December*, 1768.

"This plan reappears in *London* in 1770: 'A ſociety of us, in which ſome of the firſt people in *England* are engaged, and in which you and Colonel *Crogan* are made original partakers, have concluded a bargain with the Treaſury for a large tract of land lying and fronting on the *Ohio* (part of the lands lately ceded by the *Indians* to *Great Britain*), large enough for a government. Having it ſuggeſted to us by Lord *Hillſborough* that it would be right that we ſhould have a charter of government, in conſequence of this bargain ſo concluded, we are next to apply to the Council Board, that the grant may iſſue. We expect to meet with oppoſition, and ſome objections ariſing from the impreſſions made by ſuch oppoſition, yet have no doubt of carrying this point, as we have ſettled the main point. As ſoon as the grant has iſſued we are to apply to the Lords of Trade on the ſubject of the charter.' *Thomas Pownall* to Sir *William Johnſon*, *April* 1770. The application for the grant was made in behalf of the company by *Thomas Walpole*, a *London* banker, *Benjamin Franklin*, *John Sargeant*, and *Samuel Wharton*, but was oppoſed by Lord *Hillſborough* in a report that gave *Franklin* an opportunity to make such a cruſhing reply as to lead to *Hillſborough's* reſignation from the cabinet."

The grant of theſe lands to the *Ohio Company* created much concern in *Virginia*, ſince a great many grants to ſoldiers for ſervices in *Indian* wars had been made in that ſection.

Waſhington writing to Lord *Botetourt*, from M^t *Vernon*, on *October* 5^th called attention to this attempt upon the part of the *Ohio Company* to acquire lands in the ſection recently ceded by the *Indians* to *Virginia*, and urged that ſome action be taken to protect the intereſt of the ſoldiers, many of whom had already ſettled on the diſputed lands.

Mount

Mount Vernon,[1] *Oct.* 5 1770

My Lord,

Being fully convinced of Your Lordſhip's inclination to render every juſt and reaſonable ſervice to the people you govern, and to any ſociety or body of them that ſhall aſk it, and being in a more particular manner encouraged by a letter which I have juſt received from M^r Blair *(Clerk of the Council) to believe that Your Excellency is deſirous of knowing how far the grant of land ſollicited by M^r.* Walpole *& others will effect the intereſt of this country in general, or any ſett of men in particular; I ſhall take the liberty (being tolerably well acquainted with the ſituation of the frontiers of this Dominion) to inform your Lordſhip that the bounds of that grant, if obtained upon the extenſive plan prayed for, will comprehend at leaſt four fifths of the land for which this Colony hath lately voted £2500 ſterling to the purchaſe and ſurvey of, and muſt deſtroy the well grounded hopes of thoſe (if no reſervation is made in their favour) who have had the ſtrongeſt aſſurances which government could give them, of enjoying ſome of thoſe lands, the ſecuring of which hath coſt this country much blood and treaſure.*

By the extracts which your Excellency did me the honour to encloſe, I perceive that the Petitioners require to begin on the South ſide of the Ohio *oppoſite to the mouth of* Scioto, *which is at leaſt 70 or 75 miles below the mouth of the Great* Kanhawa, *the place to which the Miniſterial Line (as it is called) from* Holſton's *River is to run, and more than 300 from* Pittſburg, *and to extend from thence in a Southerly direction through the paſs of the* Onaſioto *Mountain, which by* Evan's *Map,*[2] *the best draughts of that country I have ever yet ſeen, and all the enquiries I have been able to make, from perſons who have explored thoſe wilds, will bring them near the latitude of* North Carolina. *From thence they go North eaſterly to the Fork of the Great* Kanhawa *(made by the junction of* Green Briar *&* New *River; on both of which waters we have many ſettlers on lands actually patented) From hence they proceed up* Green Briar *to the Head of the North-Eaſterly branch thereof, thence Eaſterly to the* Alleghany *Mountains; thence along thoſe mountains to the Line of the Lord* Fairfax, *thence with his line and the line of* Maryland *and* Penn-ſylvania *till the Weſtern boundary of the latter ſhall ſtrike the* Ohio; *thence with the ſame to the place of beginning.*

Theſe my Lord, are the bounds of a grant under conſideration, and if obtained, will, in my humble opinion give a fatal blow to the intereſts of this country; but this I have preſumed to ſay as the ſum of my thoughts as a member of the community at large.

I ſhall beg leave now to offer myſelf to Your Excellency's notice, as an individual, in a more intereſted point of view, and at the ſame time as a perſon who conſiders himſelf in ſome degree the repreſentative of the Officers and Soldiers who claim a right to 200,000 acres of this land petitioned for by M^r Walpole *and others, under a ſolemn Act of Government, adopted at a very alarming and important criſis to His Majeſty's affairs in* America. *To approach Your Lordſhip in theſe characters, it might ſeem neceſſary to preface an apology, but I ſhall rely on your uſual goodneſs and candour for the patient hearing of a few words in ſupport of the equity of our pretentions; which cannot fail of being ſhort, as I have taken the liberty of troubling your Lordſhip pretty fully on this head before.*

The firſt letter I ever did myſelf the honour of writing to your Excellency on the ſubject of theſe lands, and to which I now beg leave to refer, contained a kind of hiſtorical account of our claim, but as no embelliſhment is requiſite to illucidate a right, when ſimple facts are ſufficient to eſtabliſh the point, I ſhall beg leave to give your Lordſhip the trouble of reading the incloſed order[3] *of Council of 18 of Feb^y. 1754 and Governor* Dinwiddie's *Proclamation in conſequence thereof, and then add that theſe troops not only enliſted agreeable to the terms there ſtipulated but behaved ſo much to the ſatiſfaction of the country as to obtain the honour of its public thanks. Would it not be hard, my Lord, to deprive men under theſe circumſtances (or their ſucceſſors*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.
[2] Map Diviſion—Library of Congreſs.
[3] Page xxi.

ſucceſſors) of the juſt reward of their toils? Could this act of the Governor and Council, offered to and accepted by the ſoldiery, be conſidered in any other light than as an abſolute compact? An tho' the exigency of our affairs rendered it impracticable for us to ſettle this country for ſome years after the date of the proclamation, and the policy of government forbid it for a few years longer, yet the cauſes being now removed and the land given to ſome as a recompence for their loſſes, and ſought after by others for private emolument, have we not a title to be regarded among the firſt? We fain would hope ſo. We flatter ourſelves that in this point of view Your Excellency will alſo conſider us, and by your kind interpoſition and favourable repreſentation of our caſe His Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to confirm the 200,000 *acres of land to us, agreeable to the terms of the Proclamation. Or if it ſhould be judged neceſſary to be more particular in the location of it, and your Lordſhip will be pleaſed to cauſe the ſame to be ſignified to me, I will point out immediately thereupon, the particular ſpots on which we would beg to have our ſurveys made; as part of the land prayed for in our petition of the* 15th *of* December *laſt, to wit, that on* Sandy *creek, will not be comprehended within the line running from* Holſton's *river to the mouth of the Great* Kanhawa.

Such an act of goodneſs as this, my Lord, would be conferring a ſingular favour on men who do not know who elſe to apply to; on men, the moſt of whom either in their perſons or fortunes have ſuffered in the cauſe of their country, and cannot fail of meeting with ſuch acknowledgements as reſult from grateful minds impreſſed with the due ſenſe of obligation. None will offer them with more ſincere reſpect than

Your Lordſhips moſt obedient and moſt
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enclosure.

At a Council held 18 February 1754. *The Governor was pleaſed to ſignify to the Board, that as it was determined a fort ſhould be immediately built on the River* Ohio, *at the Fork of* Monongahela, *for the ſecurity and protection of His Majeſty's ſubjects in this colony, and that a ſufficient force ſhould be raiſed to erect and ſupport the ſame, he judged neceſſary to give a reward of* 200,000 *acres of land on the Eaſt ſide of the river* Ohio *within this Dominion (clear of rights and free from the payment of Quit Rents for the term of fifteen years,* 100,000 *acres whereof to be contiguous to the ſaid fort, and the other* 100,000 *acres to be on or near the river* Ohio) *over and above their pay, to all who ſhall voluntarily enter into the ſaid ſervice; to be divided amongſt them after the performance of the ſaid ſervice, in a proportion due to their reſpective merit: The Council, on due conſideration of the great advantage which will accrue to His Majeſty from the taking immediate poſſeſſion of thoſe lands, & being ſatiſfied that there are other lands ſufficient to anſwer the quantity granted to the* Ohio *Company, adviſed His Honour to notify and publiſh the ſaid encouragement by Proclamation.*

[*A Proclamation did accordingly iſſue on* 19 Feby, *in the* 27th *year of the reign of His late Majeſty, preciſely to the above effect, wch Col.* Waſhington *has tranſcribed in his letter and a copy of which is lately delivered to his Honour the Preſident.*]

It may not be amiſs to add by way of remark that the complement of men judged neceſſary [*ſufficient*] *for this ſervice (tho' the event proved them otherwiſe) were actually raiſed in conſequence of this Proclamation; that they marched over the* Alleghany *Mountains thro' almoſt inacceſſible paſſes, and built a fort on the waters of* Monongahela *which they were obliged afterwards to ſurrender to the ſuperior force of the* French *and their Indian Allies;—that they conducted themſelves in that enterprize in ſuch a manner as to receive the honour of their country's thanks,*

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as may appear by the Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes in the Seſſion following; and that many of them continued in the ſervice till the total demolition of Fort Duqueſne *and eſtabliſhment of an* Engliſh *garriſon in its place.*

G. W.

Lord *Botetourt* having died on *October* 15th, *William Nelſon*, Preſident of the Council ſucceeded him, pending the appointment of a new Governor. After having been in office three days, Governor *Nelſon*, in a letter to the Earl of *Hillſborough* ſet forth practically the ſame reaſons advanced by *Waſhington* in the intereſt of ſoldiers of the Colony, and urged that ſome ſteps be taken to protect them:

Virginia, Octr 18th 1770.[1]

My Lord,

On the 15th Inſtant I did myſelf the honour of writing to your Lordſhip to acquaint you with the melancholly event of the death of Lord Botetourt, *which had thrown His Majeſty's faithful ſubjects of this Colony into the deepeſt affliction. At the ſame time I ſent a copy of the proceedings in Council, to ſhew your Lordſhip by what means the Adminiſtration of the Government had fallen into my hands.*

On the evening of that day your Lordſhip's letter of the 20th of July *to the Governor, was delivered to me; and as it contains matter of great variety and importance it hath been read in Council, and, together with the ſeveral papers incloſed in it, hath been maturely conſidered; and I now trouble your Lordſhip with theirs as well as my own opinion upon the ſubject of them. I muſt firſt acknowledge the propriety and juſtice of your Lordſhip and my Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury in delaying to report in favour of Mr* Walpole *and his aſſociates, for ſo large a grant of lands on the back of this Colony, until the Country ſhould be made acquainted with it and their reaſons, if they had any, in objection to it, ſhould be heard; and our thanks are particularly due to your Lordſhip for affording the Governor and Council an opportunity of defending themſelves againſt the indecent illiberal and unwarrantable charges contained in a letter of the 9th of* July 1770 *to Mr.* Walpole, *referring firſt to your Lordſhip's conſideration what degree of credibility an anonimous writer, who thus ſtabs in the dark, is entitled to, tho' by the great commendation he gives of the generous Propoſal of Mr* Walpole *and his aſſociates to Government for the purchaſe of the lands they want, it is probable he is one of that reſpectable body.*

The charges in this letter are, that the Governor & Council of Virginia *have made large and immoderate grants of the lands to the weſtward of the* Alleghany *Mountains; that many ſuch grants (of which a liſt is annex'd to the letter) are made to the members of Council themſelves, who by ſelling thoſe lands, to others make large profits, and that this practice hath been carried on and encouraged by them, notwithſtanding His Majeſty's Inſtructions that no larger quantity ſhall be granted to any one perſon than* 1000 *acres. The truth of this fact is that this inſtruction was not given till* 1763, *and that all theſe grants ſo loudly complained of, were made long before the exiſtence of that inſtruction, and in the æra when it was thought good policy to ſettle thoſe lands as faſt as poſſible, and that the granting them to men of the firſt conſequence who were likelieſt and beſt able to procure large bodies of people to ſettle on them was the moſt probable means of effecting the end propoſed. As to the Grantees making large profits by the ſale of them to others, I am confident the fact is otherwiſe, ſince the ſtated price for ſuch lands (except in very few caſes) hath been £3* Virginia *currency per* 100 *acres, a price very little higher than it would coſt any man who ſhould incline to take up ſingly* 3 4 *or* 500 *acres. It is very fortunate for me that whilſt I am writing upon this ſubject, I do not find my name in any of theſe grants, tho' I have been* 25 *years a Member of the Board, and am therefore no otherwiſe concerned than to vindicate the honour of the Governor and the Gentlemen of the Council, eſpecially of thoſe whoſe names are made uſe of in ſome*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

ſome of thoſe grants. I claim no merit from this circumſtance, as I do not think their conduct at all unwarrantable, which I hope to ſhew in the ſequel of this letter. My reaſon for declining ſuch engagements, proceeded from an opinion that little if any profit would ariſe from them, but ſome trouble, and the experience I have had now, ſhews that I was right in that opinion. For I have good cauſe to know that thoſe gentlemen of the Council who did engage in thoſe grants, have not received one ſhilling of advantage from them, nor do I believe they ever will. It is true that ſome of the Grantees reſiding on the frontiers, men of activity and ſtrength of conſtitution, who have had all the trouble expence and fatigue of ſurveying the lands and of procuring others to purchaſe and ſettle on them, I preſume have made ſome advantages by reſerving ſome to themſelves and by the ſale of other parts; and this they ſeem to have deſerved for their labour. In order to ſhew Your Lordſhip how groundleſs the charge is that the Governor and Council have acted unwarrantably in the making unreaſonable grants of land, the incloſed Paper No. 1.[1] *contains the proceedings relative to the grants to the* Ohio Comp^{y}, *by which it appears that by application to his late Majeſty, He was pleaſed to order his then Governor and Council to grant them* 200000 *Acres upon the terms expreſſed in the ſaid paper, and Your Lordſhip will obſerve, that tho' ſome of the grantees were of the Council yet many of them were alſo reſident in* Great Britain. *The next grant in order of time, on or near the* Ohio, *was by Proclamation from Lieu*^{t} *Governor* Dinwiddie, *promiſing* 200000 *Acres of land to be given and divided among ſuch as would voluntarily enter into His Majeſty's ſervice for the defence of the frontiers, at that time violently attacked by the* French *&* Indians, *and thoſe lands the Officers and ſoldiers who ſerved, are at this inſtant ſurveying in order to obtain Patents for them, and their right ſeems to be a good one, as many of them ſealed the contract with their blood, whoſe ſhares will be apportioned among their ſurviving wives children and other legal repreſentatives. Thus far the Governor and Council I hope have done right; indeed this laſt grant was ſo much approved of by his late Majeſty, that he ſoon after adopted and enlarged the plan by offering by his royal proclamation large quantities of land to the Officers and Soldiers who ſhould enter into his ſervice on this Continent, the quantity not fix'd but* 3000 *acres to a Colonel and ſo leſs to the other Officers according to their rank, and even to the common ſoldiers. To ſatiſfy the regiments raiſ'd in this Colony upon that promiſe, I preſume* 200000 *acres will be required. Beſides theſe, we have been told (tho' we have never had an authentick copy of the treaty at Fort* Stanwix) *that the Indians made it an expreſs condition in the deed of Ceſſion to his Majeſty, that* 100,000 *acres of it ſhould be granted to Col.* Croghan, *Deputy of Sir* William Johnſon, *and a like quantity to the* Pennſylvania *traders, as a recompenſe to them for the injuries and damages they ſuſtain'd from the Indians during the late war. All theſe amounting to* 800,000 *acres are to the northward, and I preſume near the lands which theſe new Adventurers want, and I preſume the Governor and Council to be blameleſs in all theſe. In all the other grants liſted at the end of this anonimous letter N°.* 9.[1] *I do not find that any ſteps have been taken towards ſurveying and ſeating them; of courſe they are or will become lapſed, except in the two to* John Lewis *and others for* 800,000 *acres and to* James Patton *and others for* 100,000 *acres. On theſe lands which are located from* Green Briar *River to the branches of the* Holſton *River and will be within the limits of the land now purchaſing by His Majeſty from the* Cherokees, *there are many hundred families ſettled. I ought here to obſerve that the Aſſembly of* Virginia *have given £*2500 *St. for the purchaſe of theſe lands: and theſe are the people My Lord who were ſo greatly deſtreſſ'd by His Majeſty's Proclamation of* 1763, *requiring them to abandon all the lands on the water courſes running to the weſtward or into the* Miſſiſſippi. *This Proclamation they refuſ'd to comply with, nay they ſaid they could not do it, for having expended their little all under the grants from this Government they had no other place to retire to, and have hitherto choſe to rely on a kind providence, expoſed as they have been to the reſentment of the Indians: and this is the reaſon that I find that very little*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

little if any Quit Rents have been received for His Majeſty's uſe from that Quarter for ſome time paſt; for, they ſay, that as His Majeſty hath been pleaſed to withdraw his protection from them, ſince 1763, they think themſelves bound not to pay Quit Rents. However as this Boundary with the Cherokees *will be compleated in the Spring I have no doubt but regular government will take place there as it is in other parts of this Dominion, and that the Quit Rents will be there properly collected. I intreat Your Lordſhip to let me know His Majeſty's pleaſure with reſpect to thoſe lands, whether he is pleaſed to permit them to be granted or not. For, notwithſtanding the aſſertions in the Paper N°. 9 we have not granted one acre in thoſe parts ſince the Proclamation nor ſhall we until ſet at liberty to do it; tho' many applications have been made for that purpoſe without ſucceſs. The people are ſtill continuing to ſettle thoſe lands under the equitable right they derive from the grant to* John Lewis *and others.* James Patton's *grant is alſo pretty full of inhabitants and his family receive ſome advantages from it, and truly I think they might, ſince the old man paid his ſcalp as the price of it, he being murdered by the Indians on the way as he was eſcorting amunition for the defence of the ſettlers on* Green Briar. *I can only ſay on the ſubject of thoſe two grants and all the other large ones, that they were made at a time when the policy of the day was to make large grants to perſons who were likelieſt to procure people to inhabit and to cultivate the lands; which ends have been nearly attained in both theſe inſtances. The late war and the prohibition by proclamation have been the cauſes that thoſe lands have not been more fully peopled, which I have reaſon to think will be effected ſoon after leave is given to grant Patents for ſuch parts as are ſettled; thoſe* 1,700,000 *acres which I have taken notice of in all, I ſuppoſe will take place of all new Adventurers. We do not preſume to ſay to whom our gracious Sovereign ſhall grant his vacant lands nor do I ſet myſelf as an opponent to M^r* Walpole *and his aſſociates. All that I can conſiſtently with my duty, hope for is, that all prior rights, whether equitable or legal may be preſerved and protected. By equitable, I mean all thoſe who have had grants, but have been prevented from complying with the ſtrict terms of them by the war or any other unavoidable impediment: by legal, I mean all thoſe for which patents have been obtained.*

If we take a comparative view of the merit of thoſe new adventurers with that of the people who have run great hazards during the courſe of the war, many of whom loſt their lives and fortunes in the proſecution of thoſe ſettlements, others had their wives, children and other deareſt relatives carried into a barbarous captivity, many of whom ſtill languiſh in that diſtreſſful ſituation; it will not be difficult to determine on which ſide the weight prevails.

As to the Garbling the lands which the letter N°. 9 twice mentions, I beg your Lordſhip to conſider that the propoſal of M^r. Walpole *and his Aſſociates of paying Quit Rents only for the cultivable lands, amounts to a great deal more in its conſequences. For, under that deſcription, who can ſuppoſe that they intend to include and pay Quit Rents for ſterile mountains or rocky lands? Whereas we have a law of this country which the ſurveyors are obliged to conform to requiring that the breadth of every ſurvey of land ſhall be at leaſt one-third of the length: and this was enacted on purpose to prevent the practice of Garbling, as it is called, that is, that the Patentees ſhall be obliged to take ſome indifferent land with the good.*

Permit me here to obſerve that the 20 years indulgence theſe gentlemen deſire before they ſhall be obliged to pay Quit Rents, is more than ever hath been allowed, even by the law of 1754, which was paſſed by recommendation from his late Majeſty, and the merit they make of purchaſing theſe lands is not conſiderable, when we reflect that the price of 5 ſterling for 50 acres, which every man pays before he can obtain a Patent (except in particular exemptions as above) amounts, on ſo great a quantity to as much or more. And as His Majeſty and his late Royal Grandfather have been graciouſly pleaſed to permit the money ariſing from the ſale of the rights to be applied to the fund for the ſupport of Goverment and the Contingent charges

charges thereof, that fund will ſuſtain a heavy loſs if it ſhould be withdrawn at this time.

With reſpect to the eſtabliſhment of a new colony on the back of Virginia, *it is a ſubject of too great political importance for me to preſume to give an opinion upon. However permit me, my Lord, to obſerve that when that part of the country ſhall become ſufficiently populated it may be a wiſe and prudent meaſure; but the argument that the ſettlement of thoſe parts will be a good barrier and defence to the frontiers of* Virginia, *appears to me from experience to be rather ſpecious than ſolid; for the greateſt difficulty and expence of defending our frontiers in the laſt war proceeded from the vaſt diſtance and extent of them. If you increaſe that diſtance & extent the difficulty and expence of defending will be proportionably increaſed, and the people as ſettled there ſparſedly, were incapable of defending themſelves, and often called for aſſiſtance from the interior and more populous parts of the country.*

At all events I truſt that theſe gentlemen if they ſucceed in their ſcheme, will not be permitted to oppoſe their power and ſtrength to the feeble reſiſtance of the poor ſettlers, who have borne the heat and burden of the day, and that they will not ſhare the fate of the unfortunate Naboth *whoſe vineyard became a tempting object to a rich and powerful man.*

It will certainly be proper before any grant is made to M^r. Walpole *and his aſſociates, to have an exact liſt taken of the people ſettled on thoſe lands, and under what rights, that they may be particularly reſerved, and not to leave a door open to future contention about them, which however I have at preſent no poſſible method of obtaining, nor do I think it can be done but by great length of time and at no ſmall expence.*

After I had wrote thus far, and was reading it to the Gentlemen of the Council for their approbation a letter from Col George Waſhington *to Lord* Botetourt *was delivered to me; which being read and appearing to be material on the preſent ſubject, they adviſed me to ſend a copy of it to Your Lordſhip, which is accordingly incloſed N°. 3. I ought to acquaint your Lordſhip that he is the Gentleman who had the honour to command the firſt raiſ'd troops, to whom the* 200,000 *acres promiſ'd by Lieut Governor* Dinwiddie's *Proclamation is due, and therefore he may be intereſted in the affair. However your Lordſhip will judge of the ſolidity of his reaſoning.*

I omitted to mention in its proper place that unleſs M^r. Walpole *and his Aſſociates ſhould ſett out the lands in ſmall parcels at reaſonable rates, they will remain long without much cultivation or ſettlement; ſince men in this quarter of the globe where it is ſo eaſy to become abſolute proprietors of lands, are not fond of farming them. It is a vaſt encouragement to the improvement and cultivation of the lands, when they can enjoy the pleaſure to reflect that their poſterity will receive the benefit of the labour they beſtow. If theſe gentlemen ſhould be left at liberty to exact what terms they pleaſe for the lands, either by the ſale or letting them to farm; conſider, my Lord, how little ground will be left open to hope for a ſpeedy ſettlement or population. If they ſhould do neither of theſe but each individual ſhould keep poſſeſſion of his large ſhare, till lands ſhould become ſcarce and at a high price or they ſhould require a high rent, which may be raiſed from time to time, we may poſſibly have reaſon to apprehend ſuch convulſions and inſurrections as happen'd in the colony of* New York *a very few years ſince between the great land-holders and their tenants on a ſubject of this nature.*

Thus my Lord have I endeavored to give the fulleſt and cleareſt anſwer I could to your letter, and the ſeveral papers referred to and incloſed in it. If I have done it to your Lordſhips ſatiſfaction I ſhall be happy.

I ought to beg pardon for being ſo prolix, which however I could not well avoid when I obſerved how very deſirous your Lordſhip is, of as full and particular information as poſſible, of every thing neceſſary to this great conſideration.

I have the honour to be with profound reſpect My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt obedt and very humble Servt

WM. NELSON. P.

Succeeding

Succeeding Lord *Botetourt* as Governor of Virginia in the fall of 1770, Lord *Dunmore* at once condemned the project to eſtabliſh a colony on the *Ohio* River. He gave as his reaſons for oppoſing this grant, that a ſettlement at ſuch a great diſtance from a colony would neither benefit the part ſettled or the mother country. Theſe views he expreſſed in a letter to the Earl of *Hillſborough*, dated *New York, November* 12, 1770:

New York[1], 12, *November*, 1770.

I have made it my buſineſs to enquire and to find out the opinion of the People here, on the ſcheme in agitation of eſtabliſhing a Colony on the Ohio. *I find all who have any knowledge of ſuch affairs concur in condemning the project; they allege among a variety of reaſons, that a Colony at ſuch an immenſe diſtance from the ſettled parts of* America *and from the Ocean, can neither benefit either thoſe ſettled parts, or the Mother Country, that they muſt become immediately a loſt people to both, and all communication of a commercial nature with them, be a vain attempt; from the difficulty and expence attending the tranſport of commodities to them, which would ſo enhance the price thereof as to make it utterly impoſſible for them to purchaſe ſuch commodities, for they could not raiſe a produce of any kind, that would anſwer ſo difficult and expenſive tranſport back; ſuch Colony therefore muſt be their own Manufacturers; and the great expence of maintaining Troops there for their protection, be a dead weight on Govern*[t] *without the hopes of reaping any advantage hereafter. The ſcheme alarms extremely all the ſettled parts of* America, *the people of property being juſtly apprehenſive of conſequences that muſt inevitably enſue, that ſuch a Colony will only become a drain to them (now but thinly peopled) of an infinite number of their lower claſs of Inhabitants, who the deſire of novelty alone will induce to change their ſituation; and the withdrawing of thoſe Inhabitants will reduce the value of lands in the provinces even to nothing, and make it impoſſible for the Patentees to pay the Quit Rents; by which it is evident, his Maj*[ty]*:*[s] *intereſt muſt be very much prejudiced. Add to this the great probability, I may venture to ſay certainty, that the attempting a ſettlement on* Ohio *will draw on an Indian war; it being well known, how ill affected the* Ohio *Indians have always been to our intereſt, and their jealouſy of ſuch a ſettlement ſo near them, muſt be eaſily foreſeen, therefore, as ſuch a war would affect at leaſt the neareſt Provinces, as well as the New Colony your Lord*[p] *muſt expect thoſe provinces, will not fail to make heavy complaints of the inattention of Govern*[t] *to their intereſt. I cannot therefore but think it my duty to recommend to your Lord*[p] *not to ſuffer this ſcheme to have effect, at leaſt, until your Lord*[p] *ſhall have from the moſt ſubſtantial and clear proofs, been made thoroughly ſenſible of its utility.*

DUNMORE.

The efforts upon the part of the Colony to protect the grants already made to the ſoldiers for ſervices rendered in *Indian* wars, were acceptedby the *Ohio Company* early in *December* 1770. *George Mercer*, the agent for this Company in *London*, writing to *Waſhington, Dec.* 18, 1770[2], adviſedhimthat the 200,000 acres claimed by officers of the *Virginia* troops had been accepted by the Company as valid, and that their rights ſhould be reſpected. This conceſſion being made, no further attempt upon the part of the Colony to prevent a ceſſion to the *Ohio Company* was enacted. Inactivity, however, upon the part of thoſe intereſted cauſed the matter to remain in an unſettled ſtate until 1772, when a grant bearing that date was delivered. This grant was made out in the name of the *Grand Company*, and included much of the fertile lands acquired by the Colony at the *Cherokee* convention at *Lochaber* in 1770.

The Aſſembly of 1770 was prorogued on *June* 28th, after having diſcuſſed at ſome length the queſtions of commerce and taxation.

On *June* 22nd an *Aſſociation* was entered into by various members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes and by a large number of merchants of *Williamſburg* and vicinity. Governor *Botetourt* writing to the Secretary of State[1] on *June* 30th following, called particular attention

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs. [2] Ford—Writings of Waſhington, II. 340.

tion to this *Aſſociation*, which had been preſented to him in the form of a petition. He ſtated that the purpoſe was to effect the repeal of the act which granted certain duties for the purpoſe of raiſing a revenue, and to be relieved from hardſhips reſulting from the unlimited juriſdiction of the Courts of Admiralty.

In commenting upon this *Aſſociation*, Governor *Botetourt* was of the Opinion the merchants of *England* were largely reſponſible for its adoption, and that various letters intended to promote diſtreſs had emanated from *America* with this object in view.

A printed copy of the *Aſſociation* was forwarded at the time by Governor *Botetourt* to the Secretary of State. Numerous copies were likewiſe circulated throughout the colony and many received the ſignatures of prominent reſidents in their reſpective counties. Several copies of this *Aſſociation*, ſo endorſed, are on file in the *Library* of *Congreſs*.

The Association[1] Entered Into Laſt Friday, the 22d Inſtant, by the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Body of Merchants, Aſſembled in this City.

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal ſubjects of *Virginia*, declaring our inviolable and unſhaken fidelity and attachment to our gracious ſovereign, our affection for all our fellow ſubjects of *Great Britain*, and our firm determination to ſupport, at the hazard of our lives and fortunes, the laws, the peace, and good order of government in this colony; but at the ſame time affected with great and juſt apprehenſions of the fatal conſequences certainly to follow from the arbitrary impoſition of taxes on the people of *America*, for the purpoſe of raiſing a revenue from them, without the conſent of their repreſentatives; and as we conſider it to be the indiſpenſible duty of every virtuous member of ſociety to prevent the ruin, and promote the happineſs, of his country, by every lawful means, although in the proſecution of ſuch a laudable and neceſſary deſign ſome unhappy conſequences may be derived to many innocent fellow ſubjects, whom we wiſh not to injure, and who we hope will impute our conduct to the real neceſſity of our affairs: Influenced by theſe reaſons, we do moſt earneſtly recommend this our aſſociation to the ſerious attention of all Gentlemen, merchants, traders, and other inhabitants of this colony, not doubting but they will readily and cordially accede thereto. And at the ſame time we, and every of us, do moſt ſolemnly oblige ourſelves, upon our word and honour, to promote the welfare and commercial intereſts of all thoſe truly worthy merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of this colony, who ſhall hereafter conform to the ſpirit of this aſſociation; but that we will upon all occaſions, and at all times hereafter, avoid purchaſing any commodity or article of goods whatſoever from any importer or ſeller of *Britiſh* merchandiſe or *European* goods whom we may know or believe, in violation of the eſſential intereſts of this colony, to have preferred their own private emolument, by importing or ſelling articles prohibited by this aſſociation, to the deſtruction of the deareſt rights of the people of this colony. And for the more effectual diſcovery of ſuch defaulters, it is reſolved,

That a committee of five be choſen in every county, by the majority of aſſociators in each county, who, or any three of them, are hereby authorized to publiſh the names of ſuch ſigners of the aſſociation as ſhall violate their agreement; and when there ſhall be an importation of goods into any county, ſuch committee, or any three of them, are empowered to convene themſelves, and in a civil manner apply to the merchant or importers concerned and deſire to ſee the invoices and papers reſpecting ſuch importation, and if they find any goods there in contrary to the aſſociation to let the importers know that it is the opinion and requeſt of the country that ſuch goods ſhall not be opened or ſtored, but reſhipped to the place from whence they came: And in caſe of refuſal, without any manner of violence, inform them of the conſequence, and proceed to publiſh an account of their conduct.

Secondly

[1] Manuſcript Diviſion—Library of Congreſs.

Secondly. That we the ſubſcribers, as well by our own example as all other legal ways and means in our power, will promote and encourage induſtry and frugality, and diſcourage a manner of luxury and extravagance.

Thirdly. That we will not hereafter, directly or indirectly, import, or cauſe to be imported, from *Great Britain*, any of the goods hereafter enumerated, either for ſale or for our own uſe; to wit, ſpirits, cider, perry, beer, ale, porter, malt, peaſe, beef, fiſh, butter, cheeſe, tallow, candles, fruit, pickles, confectionary, chairs, tables, looking glaſſes, carriages, joiners work, and cabinet work of all ſorts, riband, *India* goods of all ſorts, except ſpices and calico of more than 3 *s.* ſterling per yard, upholſtery (by which is meant paper hangings, beds ready made, furniture for beds, and carpetting) watches, clocks, ſilverſmiths work of all ſorts, ſilks of all ſorts (except womens bonnets and hats, ſewing ſilk, and netting ſilk) cotton ſtuffs of more than 3 *s.* ſterling per yard, linens of more than 2 *s.* ſterling per yard (except *Iriſh* linens) gauze, lawns, cambrick of more than 6 *s.* ſterling per yard, woollen and worſted ſtuffs of all ſorts of more than 2 *s*, ſterling per yard, broadcloths of more than 8 *s.* ſterling per yard, narrow cloths of all kinds of more than 4 *s.* ſterling per yard, not leſs than 7-8th yard wide, hats of greater value than 10 *s.* ſterling, ſtockings of more than 36 *s.* ſterling per dozen, ſhoes of more than 5 *s.* ſterling per pair, boots, ſaddles, mens exceeding 25 *s.* and womens exceeding 40 *s.* ſterling, excluſive of bridles, which are allowed, portmanteaus, ſaddle bags, and all other manufactured leather, neither oil or painters colours, if both, or either of them, be ſubject to any duty after the 1^{ſt} of *December* next. And that we will not import, or cauſe to be imported, any horſes, nor purchaſe thoſe which may be imported by others after the 1^{ſt} of *November* next.

Fourthly. That we will not import or bring into the colony or cauſe to be imported or brought into the colony, either by ſea or land, any ſlaves, or make ſale of any upon commiſſion, or purchaſe any ſlave or ſlaves that may be imported by others after the 1^{ſt} day of *November* next, unleſs the ſame have been twelve months upon the continent.

Fifthly. That we will not import any wines, on which a duty is laid by act of Parliament for the purpoſe of raiſing a revenue in *America*, or purchaſe ſuch as may be imported by others, after the 1^{ſt} day of *September* next.

Sixthly. That no wine be imported by any of the ſubſcribers or other perſon, from any of the colonies on this continent, or any other place, from the time of ſigning this aſſociation, contrary to the terms thereof.

Seventhly. That all ſuch goods as may or ſhall be imported into this colony, in conſequence of their having been rejected by the aſſociation committees in any of our ſiſter colonies, ſhall not be purchaſed by any aſſociator; but that we will exert every lawful means in our power abſolutely to prevent the ſale of all ſuch goods, and to cauſe the ſame to be exported as quickly as poſſible.

Eighthly. That we will not receive from *Great Britain*, or make ſale of, upon commiſſion, any of the articles above excepted to after the firſt day of *September* next, nor any of thoſe articles which may have been really and *bona fide* ordered by us, after the 25th of *December* next.

Ninthly. That we will not receive into our cuſtody, make ſale of, or become chargeable with any of the articles aforementioned, that may be ordered after the 15th of *June* inſtant, nor give orders for any from this time; and that in all orders which any of us may hereafter ſend to *Great Britain* we will expreſſly direct and requeſt our correſpondents not to ſhip us any of the articles before excepted, and if any ſuch goods are ſhipped contrary to the tenour of this agreement we will refuſe to take the ſame or make ourſelves chargeable therewith.

Provided nevertheleſs, that ſuch goods as are already on hand, or may be imported according to the true intent and meaning of this *Aſſociation*, may be continued for ſale.

Tenthly

Tenthly. That a committee of merchants, to be named by their own body, when called together by their chairman, be appointed to take under their conſideration the general ſtate of the trade in this colony, and report to the aſſociation, at their next meeting, a liſt of ſuch other manufactures of *Great Britain*, or commodities of any kind whatever, now imported, as may reaſonably, and with benefit to the colony, be excepted to.

Eleventhly. That we do hereby engage ourſelves, by thoſe moſt ſacred ties of honour and love to our country, that we will not, either upon the goods which we have already upon hand or may hereafter import within the true meaning of this aſſociation, make any advance in price, with a view to profit by the reſtrictions hereby laid on the trade of this colony.

Twelfthly. That we will not at any time hereafter, directly or indirectly, import, or cauſe to be imported, or purchaſe from any perſon who ſhall import, any merchandiſe or manufactures exported from *Great Britain*, which are, or hereafter ſhall be, taxed by act of Parliament for the purpoſes of raiſing a revenue in *America*.

Reſolved, That a meeting of the aſſociators ſhall be called at the diſcretion of the Moderator, or at the requeſt of twenty members of the aſſociation, ſignified to him in writing; and in caſe of the death of the preſent Moderator, the next perſon ſubſcribing hereto be conſidered as Moderator, and act as ſuch until the next general meeting.

Laſtly. That theſe reſolves ſhall be binding on all and each of the ſubſcribers, who do hereby, each and every perſon for himſelf, agree that he will ſtrictly and firmly adhere to and abide by every article of this aſſociation from the time of this ſigning the ſame until the act of Parliament which impoſes a duty on tea, paper, glaſs, and painters colours, be totally repealed, or until a general meeting of one hundred aſſociators, after one month's publick notice, ſhall determine otherwiſe, the twelfth article of this agreement ſtill and for ever continuing in force, until the contrary be declared by a general meeting of the members of this aſſociation.

Signed in *Williamſburg*, this 22^{d} of *June*, 1770.

COLUMN NO. 1.

Peyton Randolph, *Moderator.*
Andrew Sprowle, *Chairman of the Trade.*
Ro. C. Nicholas.
Richard Bland.
Edmund Pendleton.
Archibald Cary.
Richard Henry Lee.
Henry Lee.
Charles Carter, *Corotoman.*
Thomas Jefferſon.
Severn Eyre.
Thomas Whiting.
Edward Hack Moſeley, jun.
George Waſhington.
Burwell Baſſett.
Spencer M. Ball.
James Walker.
Edward Oſborn.
Southy Simpſon.
Richard Lee.

COLUMN NO. 2.

John Alexander.
John Burton.
William Clayton.
Richard Randolph.
Benjamin Harriſon.
P. Carrington.
James Pride.
William Acrill.
Peter Poythreſs.
James Mercer.
N. Edwards, jun.
Richard Adams.
Thomas Newton, jun.
Francis Peyton.
Thomas Barber.
Lewis Burwell.
James Cocke.
Richard Baker.
Benjamin Howard.
R. Rutherford.
Archibald Campbell.

COLUMN

COLUMN NO. 3.

James Balfour.
W. Cabell, jun.
Daniel Barraud.
James Mills.
David Jameſon.
Charles Duncan.
John Wayles.
John Bell.
Thomas Adams.
Henry Taylor.
Alexander Shaw.
John Baniſter
Thomas Bailey.
William Robinſon.
James Wood.
Bolling Stark.
Thomas Pettus.
John Woodſon.
Henry Field, jun.
William Roane.
Wilſon Miles Cary.

COLUMN NO. 4.

John Blair.
James Wallace.
Richard Mitchell.
Cornelius Thomas.
James Denniſtone.
William Snodgraſs.
Benjamin Baker.
Patrick Coutts.
Neill Campbell.
John Doneſon.
Neil M'Coull.
Thomas Jett.
Samuel Kerr.
James Robinſon.
Archibald Ritchie.
Samuel Eſkridge.
Thomas Stith.
James Edmondſon.
Anthony Walke.
John Wilſon, of Auguſta.
George Logan.

COLUMN NO. 5.

John Hutchings.
W. Lyne.
Edward Ker.
Alexander Trent.
John Talbott.
Joſeph Cabell.
Gardner Fleming.
Samuel Harwood.
Humphrey Roberts.
Thomas M. Randolph.
Robert Wormeley Carter.
Jerman Baker.
John Gilchriſt
James Archdeacon.
Robert Donald.
James M'Dowall.
Alexander Baine.
John Smith.
Purdie & Dixon.
James Buchanan.
Thomas Scott.

COLUMN NO. 6.

Alexander Banks.
John Johnſon.
Archibald Govan.
Hugh M'Mekin.
Fouſhee Tebbs.
Archibald M'Call.
Daniel Hutchings.
Henry Morſe.
Nathaniel Terry.
Iſaac Read.
William Rind.
Benjamin Harriſon, jun.
Joſiah Granbery.
James Robb.
Neil Jamieſon.
Walter Peter.
Robert Crooks.
John Winn.
John Eſdale.
Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage.
Jacob Wray.

COLUMN NO. 7.

John Fiſher.
Hartwell Cocke.
Edwin Gray.
Daniel M'Callum.
James Donald.
Thomas Nelſon, jun.
Robert Gilmour.

COLUMN NO. 8.

Archibald Buchanan.
Andrew Mackie.
Thomas Everard.
George Purdie.
Patrick Ramſay.
Walter Boyd.
John Tabb.

George

George Riddell.
John Bland.
Robert Miller.
Francis Lightfoot Lee.
Meriwether Smith.
Ro. Munford, *Mecklenburg.*
Roger Atkinſon.
J. H. Norton.
Lewis Burwell, *of Glouceſter*
Abraham Hite.
James Parker.
Edward Briſbane.
James Baird.
Neill Buchanan.
Richard Booker.
John Page, jun.
Robert Andrews.
John Tayloe Corbin.
John Tazewell.
John Prentis.
William Holt.
John Greenhow.
Haldenby Dixon.
William Ruſſell.
Thomas Hornſby.

This agreement entered into by the Burgeſſes and merchants of the colony was not as effective as deſired. Various committees appointed to operate in the reſpective counties, enforced for the time being the reſolutions of the *Aſſociation*, thereby hoping to promote induſtry throughout the colony. The plan however, was not ſatiſfactory, as is noted in Governor *Nelſon's* letter to Lord *Hillſborough*, Secretary of State, dated *Dec.* 19th, 1770.

Williamſburg, Decr[1]. 19, 1770.

My Lord,

Your Lord[p]'s *diſpatch No.* 37, *directed to Lord* Botetourt *is juſt come to my hands. I ſhall be happy to be informed of His Majeſt*[y]'s *pleaſure upon the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly which were paſſed in the laſt ſeſſion as ſoon as it is known.*

The Spirit of Aſſociation which hath prevailed in this Colony for ſome time paſt, ſeems to me from the defection of the Northern Provinces, to be cooling every day. There was a meeting appointed to be held the 14th *of this month upon this ſubject, but ſo few Aſſociators met, that they did nothing but adjourn till next ſummer, which diſcovers ſuch lukewarmneſs as convinces me that this Engagement will ſoon die away and come to nought.*

Having in a former letter acquainted your Lordſhip with the progreſs we are making towards completing the line between the Cherokee *Indians and this colony, I ſhall not now trouble your Lord*[p] *on that ſubject.*

Lord Botetourt *I preſume adviſed your Lord*[p] *of the preſſing neceſſity he was under of adopting ſo unuſual a meaſure as that of drawing upon His Majeſty's Quit rents for four hundred pounds. Permit me My Lord to expreſs my moſt grateful and humble acknowledgments of His Maj't*[y]'s *goodneſs in acquieſcing in this firſt attempt of the ſort, and to aſſure you that we ſhall be far from endeavouring to draw this freſh inſtance of His Majeſty's favour into precedent.*

I obſerve what your Lord[p] *ſays about the appointment of M*[r]. Wormeley *or M*[r]. Digges *to a ſeat at the Council Board. They are both well qualified for it, tho' one of them lives at a more convenient diſtance than the other from the ſeat of Government. Knowing that Lord* Botetourt *had wrote to your Lord*[p] *on this ſubject, and conſidering that he was a much better judge of the fitneſs of Men to be preferred, I declined recommending any one to your Lord*[p] *to ſupply the place of M*[r] Blair *on his reſignation. I have the honour to be with the greateſt deference and reſpect, My Lord,*

Your Lord[y]'s *obedient humble ſervant,*

WM. NELSON. P.

During the ſeſſion of the Aſſembly of July 1771 the queſtion of an American epiſcopate was agitated, and in ſome of the Northern colonies the preſs warmly advocated ſuch a meaſure. The co-operation of *Virginia* was ſought by *New York* and *New Jerſey* in their

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

their effort to petition the King upon the ſubject, and Reverend Dr. *Cooper*, preſident of *King's College, New York* and Rev. Dr. *McKean* viſited the Southern colonies with this object in view. As a reſult of the viſit of theſe deputies a convocation of the clergy was held, though only a few attended; the Rev. *John Camm*, of *Virginia*, taking an active part in the proceedings, was one of thoſe who joined in the petition to the crown urging its eſtabliſhment. Four of the clergy in attendance, *Henley*, *Gwatkin*, *Hewitt*, and *Bland*, entered a proteſt againſt this ſcheme to introduce a biſhopric, advancing as an argument that ſuch an action would endanger the exiſtence of the *Britiſh* Empire in *America*.

The Aſſembly having expreſſed its diſapprobation of the project, all efforts ſoon relaxed, and the movement ended when a vote of thanks was extended by the Houſe of Burgeſſes, through *Richard Henry Lee* and *Richard Bland*, to the proteſting clergymen for their "wiſe and well-timed oppoſition:"

> *Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,* [1] That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend M^r *Henley*, the Reverend M^r *Gwatkin*, the Reverend M^r *Hewitt*, and the Reverend M^r *Bland*, for the wiſe and well timed Oppoſition they have made to the pernicious Project of a few miſtaken Clergymen, for introducing an *American* Biſhop; a Meaſure by which much Diſturbance, great Anxiety, and Apprehenſion, would certainly take Place among his Majeſty's faithful *American* Subjects; and that M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, and M^r *Bland*, do acquaint them therewith.

Campbell, in commenting upon this attempt to eſtabliſh an Epiſcopate in America, outlines the poſition of both ſides in this controverſy:

> "Churchmen naturally ſided with the Engliſh government, and the bench of biſhops were arrayed in oppoſition to the rights of the Colonies. The proteſt of the four miniſters gave riſe to a controverſy between them and the United Epiſcopal Conventions of *New York* and *New Jerſey* and a war of pamphlets and newſpapers enſued in the Northern and Middle States; and the ſtamp act itſelf, according to ſome writers, did not evoke more bitter denunciations, nor more violent threats, than the project of an epiſcopate: New England was in a flame againſt it. It was believed, that if biſhops ſhould be ſent over they would unite with the Governors in oppoſition to the rights of *America*. The laity of the *Epiſcopal* Church in America were, excepting a ſmall minority, oppoſed to the meaſure. Neither the people of *Virginia*, nor any of the *American* colonies, were at any time willing to receive a biſhop appointed by the Engliſh government. Among the advocates of the ſcheme the Rev. *Jonathan Boucher* took a prominent part, and he ſuſtained it ably from the pulpit. He held that the refuſal of *Virginia* to conſent to the appointment of a biſhop, was 'to unchurch the church;' and his views on this ſubject were re-echoed by *Lowth*, Biſhop of *Oxford*, in an anniverſary ſermon delivered before the Society for the Propagation of the Goſpel in Foreign Parts. On this point of eccleſiaſtical government the members of the eſtabliſhment in *Virginia* appear to have been looked upon as themſelves diſſenters. In one ſenſe they were ſo; but their repugnance was to prelacy, not to the epiſcopate; a prelatic biſhop was in their minds aſſociated with the ideas of expenſe beyond their means, and of oppoſition to the principles of civil liberty. *Boucher*, in a ſermon that he preached in this year at *St. Mary's* Church, in *Caroline* County, of which he was then rector, ſays of the diſſenters in *Virginia:* 'I might almoſt as well pretend to count the gnats that buzz around us in a ſummer's evening."

> "The ſcheme of ſending over a biſhop had been entertained more than a hundred years before; and *Dean Swift* at one time entertained hopes of being made Biſhop of *Virginia*, with power, as is ſaid, to ordain prieſts and deacons for all the colonies, and to parcel them out into deaneries, pariſhes, chapels, etc., and to recommend and preſent thereto. The favorite ſermons of many of the *Virginia* clergy were *Sterne's*." *Campbell-Hiſtory of Virginia, pp.* 561-62.

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[1] *See* page 122.

The Aſſembly of 1772 convened on *Monday* the 10th day of *February*, in the 12th year of the reign of George III. The death of *Botetourt* on *October* 15th, 1770; the temporary appointment of *Nelſon* to act as Governor, and the tranſfer of Lord *Dunmore* from *New York* to *Virginia* reſulted in the proclamation of *October* 12, 1771, for diſſolving the General Aſſembly. This action upon the part of Lord *Dunmore* was taken ſhortly after his arrival in *Virginia*, and was followed by prorogations of *November* 20th and *December* 12th of the ſame year.

The firſt announcement of *Dunmore*, of importance to the colony, was the diſallowance by *George* III of an act of Aſſembly for appointing a commiſſion to regulate the *Indian* trade. This action upon the part of the crown reſulted in much diſſatiſfaction, and coming at a time when the boundary between the *Cherokees* and *Virginia* was being ſurveyed, gave riſe to much ſpeculation regarding the management of *Indian* trade in this new territory.

Additional territory was alſo in contemplation, in fact negotiations were then pending for large poſſeſſions owned by the *Indians* and adjoining *Virginia's* weſtern boundary. This queſtion was determined during the latter part of 1772, and eſtabliſhed a line running weſtward from *White Top* Mountains in latitude 36° and 36′. By the concluſion of this treaty the ſettlers on the *Watauga* River were left within the *Indian* limits, which neceſſitated a leaſe which extended for a term of eight years, for which the Indians were paid Six Thouſand Dollars.

On *March* 19, 1775, a deed in fee ſimple for this tract of land was given upon further conſideration of £2000. This deed was in the name of *Charles Robertſon*, a repreſentative of the *Watauga Settlers' Aſſociation*, and embraced all the territory within the following bounds:[1] "All that tract on the waters of the *Watauga*, *Holſton*, *Great Canaway* or *New* River, beginning on the ſouth or ſouthweſt of *Holſton* River ſix miles above *Long Iſland* in that river: thence a direct line in nearly a ſouth courſe to the ridge dividing the waters of the *Watauga* from the waters of the *Nonachucky* and along the ridge in a ſoutheaſterly direction to the *Blue Ridge* or line dividing *North Carolina* from the *Cherokee* lands; thence along the *Blue Ridge* to the *Virginia* line and weſt along ſuch line to the *Holſton* River; to the beginning, including all the waters of the *Watauga*, part of the waters of *Holſton*, and the head branches of *New* River or the *Great Canaway*, agreeable to the aforeſaid boundaries."

In 1772 *Jacob Brown* leaſed from the *Cherokees*, for a horſe load of goods, a tract on the *Watauga* and *Nonachucky* Rivers. On *March*, 25, 1775, he ſecured for a further conſideration of ten ſhillings a deed in fee for the leaſed tract, as well as an additional tract of conſiderable extent.

The boundary of the firſt of theſe bodies of land ran from the mouth of *Great Limeſtone* Creek, thence up the ſame to its main fork to the ridge dividing the *Watauga* and *Nonachucky* Rivers; thence to the head of *Indian* Creek, where it joins the *Great Iron* Mountains and along those mountains to the *Nonachucky* River; acroſs the *Nonachucky* River, including its creeks, and down the ſide of the *Nonachucky* Mountain againſt the mouth of the *Great Limeſtone* Creek, and from thence to the place of beginning.

The ſecond purchaſe compriſed a tract lying on the *Nonachucky* River below the mouth of *Big Limeſtone* on both ſides of the river and adjoining the tract juſt deſcribed. Its boundaries are defined as beginning on the ſouth ſide of the *Nonachucky* River below the old fields that lie below the *Limeſtone* on the north ſide of *Nonachucky* Mountain at a large rock, thence north 32° weſt to the mouth of *Camp* Creek on the ſouth ſide of the river; thence acroſs the river; thence purſuing a northweſterly courſe to the dividing ridge between *Lick* Creek and the *Watauga* or *Holſton* Rivers, thence along the dividing ridge to the reſt of *Brown's* lands; thence down the main fork of *Big Limeſtone* to its mouth; thence croſſing the *Nonachucky* River and purſuing a ſtraight courſe to the *Nonachucky* Mountains, and along ſuch mountains to the beginning.[2]

Henderſon's

[1] Ramſey's Annals of Tenneſſee p. 109. [2] Fifth Annual Report of Bureau of Ethnology, p. 109.

Henderſon's purchaſe of *March* 17, 1775 was concluded at *Sycamore Shoals* on the *Watauga* River. By the terms of this treaty *Richard Henderſon* and eight other private citizens, purchaſed for 10,000 lbs. in merchandiſe, all the land lying between the *Kentucky* and *Cumberland* Rivers. This purchaſe was made under the name of the "*Colony of Tranſylvania in North America.*" The two deeds conveying this property were commonly known as the "Path Deed" and the "Great Grant;" the former beginning on the *Holſton*, "Where the courſe of *Powell's* Mountain ſtrikes the ſame; thence up the river to the croſſing of the *Virginia* Line; thence weſterly along the line run by *Donelſon* *** to a point six *Engliſh* miles of *Long Iſland* in *Holſton* River; thence a direct courſe towards the mouth of the *Great Kanawha* until it reaches the top of the ridge of *Powell's* Mountain; thence weſterly along ſaid ridge to the beginning. This tract was located in northeaſt *Tenneſſee* and the extreme ſouthweſtern corner of *Virginia.*

The ſecond deed known as the "Great Grant" compriſed the territory beginning on the *Ohio* River at the mouth of the *Kentucky*, *Cherokee*, or what, by the *Engliſh*, is called *Louiſa* river; thence up ſaid river and the moſt northwardly fork of the ſame to the head ſpring thereof; thence a ſoutheaſt courſe to the ridge of *Powell's* Mountain; thence weſtwardly along the ridge of ſaid mountain to a point from which a northweſt courſe will ſtrike the head ſpring of the moſt ſouthwardly branch of *Cumberland* River; thence down ſaid river, including all its waters, to the *Ohio* River; thence up ſaid river as it meanders to the beginning.[1]

It will be ſeen from this ſtatement of the boundary that this tract compriſed nearly the whole of central and weſtern *Kentucky*, as well as part of northern central *Tenneſſee.*

From the report of the treaty commiſſioners of 1785 it is noted that *Henderſon's* purchaſe did not extend ſouth of the *Cumberland* River proper.[2] This ſtatement is not upheld by literal reading of the boundaries given, as they include all the territory watered by the *Cumberland* River and its various branches.

A very thorough and comprehenſive map, outlining all *Cherokee* ceſſions of territory, will be found in the excellent account of the "*Cherokee Nation of Indians, by Charles C. Royce.*" This account is contained in the Fifth Report of the *Bureau of Ethnology.*

Royce in commenting upon the various treaties of the *Cherokees* calls attention to the fact that all grants of private individuals were regarded as legally inoperative, though in ſome inſtances the beneficiaries were permitted to enjoy the benefits of their purchaſes in a modified degree. All ſuch purchaſes had been inhibited by royal proclamation of King *George* III. under date of *October* 7, 1763,[3] wherein all provincial governors were forbidden to grant lands or iſſue land warrants locatable upon any territory weſt of the mountains of the ſources of ſtreams flowing into the *Atlantic.* All private perſons were enjoined from purchaſing lands from the *Indians*, and purchaſes of ſuch lands could only be made for the crown by the governor or commander-in-chief of the colony, at ſome general council or aſſembly of the *Indians* convened for that purpoſe.

In the particular purchaſe made by *Henderſon* and his coadjutors, the benefits thereof were afterwards claimed by the authorities of *Virginia* and *North Carolina* for thoſe States, as the ſucceſſors of the royal prerogative within their reſpective limits. In conſideration, however, of *Henderſon's* valuable ſervices on the frontier, and in compenſation for his large expenditures of money in negotiating the purchaſe, the legiſlature of *North Carolina* in 1783 granted to him and thoſe intereſted with him, a tract of 200,000 acres[4], conſtituting a ſtrip of land four miles in width from *Old Indian* Town on *Powell's* River to the mouth, and thence a ſtrip, twelve miles in width, down the *Clinch* River. The legiſlature of *Virginia* alſo granted them a tract of like extent upon the *Ohio* River, oppoſite what is now *Evanſville, Ind.*[5]

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[1] Fifth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology pp. 148-149.
[2] American State Papers, Indian Affairs, Vol. 1, p. 38 [3] Martin's North Carolina, Vol. II, p. 339.
[4] Haywood's Tenneſſee, pp. 16, 17. [5] Ramſey's Annals of Tenneſſee, p. 204.

A thorough and comprehenſive map drawn from plate No. 8, of the Fifth Annual Report of the *Bureau of Ethnology*, appears as the frontiſpiece in this volume. The ſection deſignated by the numerals, 3, 4, 5, and 7, can be readily traced by dotted lines. Beginning near *Carrolton* on the *Ohio*, and following the *Kentucky* River to the mountains, thence a direct line to a point interſecting the boundary eſtabliſhed in 1770, clearly diſtinguiſhes the dividing line between ſections 5 and 7. The irregular boundary of Sections 4 begins at *Point Pleaſant*, and follows the *Kanawha* River to the *Alleghanies*, thence along *New River* to the mouth of *Cripple Creek*. Section 3, follows the mountain range from *Chiſwell's* Mine eaſt to the first interſecting range, thence ſouthweſt to *Virginia's* preſent Southern line.

Section 3 denotes the land acquired by the treaty of *October* 14, 1768, nearly the entire tract being in ſouthweſtern *Virginia*. Section 4 was acquired by the treaty of *October* 18, 1770, which was signed at *Lochabar*, *South Carolina*. This tract lay in *Virginia*, *Weſt Virginia*, Northeaſt *Tenneſſee* and the Eaſt end of *Kentucky*. Section 5 included the territory which now lies in *Virginia*, *Weſt Virginia*, and Eaſtern *Kentucky*, and was acquired by treaty of 1772. The treaty of *March* 17, 1775, ſhown on the map as section 7, included the territory now forming a part of *Kentucky*, *Virginia*, and *Tenneſſee*. This treaty was between *Richard Henderſon* and the various ſettlers who were intereſted with him in ſettling this particular ſection.

The treaty of 1772 being conſummated prior to the meeting of the Aſſembly, no legiſlation was neceſſary for its ratification. The Seſſion of this year however, was characterized by many important acts which were paſſed for the promotion of internal improvement. Such important matters as improving the navigation of the *Potomac;* the opening of a road from *Warm Springs* to *Jenning's Gap;* the determination to clear *Mattapony* River, and of circumventing the falls of *James* River, by a canal from *Weſtham* to a point below *Richmond*, and a canal from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through *Williamſburg*, to connect *James* River with the River *York*, were favorably acted upon. At no time in the hiſtory of the colony had ſuch ſtupendous undertakings been ſuggeſted, much leſs received ſerious conſideration, and the legiſlation of this Aſſembly marks an era in *Virginia's* development which is particularly noteworthy.

JOHN P. KENNEDY.

Richmond, July, 1906.

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Burgeſſes.

Accomack	Thomas Parramore Southey Simpſon
Albemarle	Thomas Walker Thomas Jefferſon
Amelia	†*John Winn Robert Munford
Amherſt	William Cabell, Jr. †*Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	Gabriel Jones John Wilſon
Bedford	†*John Talbot Charles Lynch
Botetourt	*William Preſton *John Bowyer
Brunſwick	Nathaniel Edwards, Jr. Thomas Stith
Buckingham	Joſeph Cabell †*Benjamin Howard
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon †*William Acrill
Charlotte	Iſaac Read Paul Carrington
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary Edward Oſborne
The College	John Blair, Jr.
Culpeper	Henry Pendleton †*Henry Field, Jr.
Cumberland	*John Mayo Alexander Trent
Dinwiddie	Bolling Starke John Baniſter
Elizabeth City	James Wallace Wilſon Miles Cary
Eſſex	William Roane James Edmondſon
Fairfax	George Waſhington John Weſt
Fauquier	James Scott Thomas Marſhall
Frederick	Robert Rutherford James Wood
Glouceſter	Lewis Burwell Thomas Whiting
Goochland	†*John Woodſon Thomas Mann Randolph
Halifax	Nathaniel Terry Walter Coles
Hampſhire	Abram Hite James Mercer
Hanover	William Macon, Jr. Patrick Henry, Jr.
Henrico	Richard Randolph Richard Adams
Iſle of Wight	Richard Baker James Bridger
James City	Lewis Burwell Robt. Carter Nicholas
Jameſtown	*Champion Travis
King and Queen	William Lyne John T. Corbin
King George	Charles Carter †*William Robinſon
King William	Carter Braxton Bernard Moore
Lancaſter	Richard Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis Peyton *James Hamilton
Louiſa	Thomas Johnſon Richard Anderſon
Lunenburg	†*Thomas Pettus Lodowick Farmer
Mecklenburg	*Matthew Marrable Robert Munford
Middleſex	Philip Ludwell Grymes Gawin Corbin
Nanſemond	Lemuel Riddick Benjamin Baker
New Kent	Burwell Baſſett William Clayton
Norfolk	Thomas Newton, Jr. John Wilſon
Norfolk Borough	Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	John Burton Severn Eyre
Northumberland	†*Spencer Mottrom Ball Samuel Eſkridge
Orange	James Walker †*Thomas Barbour

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.
†Signed the Aſſociation of June 22, 1770.

Pittſylvania	†*John Donelſon Hugh Innes	Stafford	John Alexander *Thomſon Maſon
Prince Edward	Thomas Scott *Paſchall Greenhill	Surry	Hartwell Cocke †*Thomas Bailey
Prince George	Richard Bland Peter Poythreſs	Suſſex	David Maſon †*James Bell
Prince William	Henry Lee Fouſhee Tebbs	Warwick	†*William Harwood William Digges
Princeſs Anne	Edward Hack Moſeley, Jr. *John Ackiſs	Weſtmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Richmond	Robert Wormeley Carter †*Francis Lightfoot Lee	Williamſburg	Peyton Randolph
Southampton	†*Edwin Gray †*Henry Taylor	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelſon, Jr.
Spotſylvania	Benjamin Grymes Roger Dixon		

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Changes in the Perſonnel, 1770.

Amelia	Robert Munford ſucceeded Thomas Tabb
Loudoun	Joſias Clapham ſucceeded James Hamilton
Suſſex	James Bell ſucceeded John Edmunds

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Monday, the 21st of May, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him, and deſired him to lay before the Houſe, an Extract of a Letter to his Excellency from the Earl of *Hillſborough*, dated *Whitehall*, *February* 17th, 1770, upon the Subject Matters of the Addreſſes of this Houſe reſpecting the Importation of Copper-money, the further Extenſion of the Boundary Line betwixt this Colony and the *Indians*,[1] and the Importation of Salt from foreign *European* Ports.

And he delivered the Extract in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Extract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Suffex* in the Room of Mr *John Edmunds*,[2] deceaſed; and that Mr *David Maſon* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince George*, *Dinwiddie*, *Amelia*, *Brunſwick*, *Lunenburg*, *Mecklenburg*, *Charlotte* and *Suffex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the very great quantities of Tobacco brought to the Warehouſes for Inſpection of that Commodity on *Appomattox* River, render it impoſſible for the preſent Inſpectors to give proper Diſpatch; and therefore praying that another Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Lots of Col. *Robert Bolling*, which he lately purchaſed of Mr *Patrick Ramſay*, in the Town of *Blandford*, on the ſaid River.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Dinwiddie*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Quantities of Tobacco brought to the Warehouſes on *Appomattox* River are ſo increaſed. that the preſent Houſes are not ſufficient to contain them, and the Inſpectors cannot give the Planters reaſonable Diſpatch; and therefore praying that another Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Robert Bolling*, Gentleman, between *Bolling's* old Warehouſe and *Bollingbrook*, as a Place more proper and convenient for that Purpoſe than *Blandford*.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Rector and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Briſtol*, in the County of *Prince George*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh is inconveniently ſituated, and contains

[1] Cherokees. [2] James Bell.

tains no more than One Hundred and Ninety-two Acres; and therefore praying that the ſaid Glebe may be ſold, and another, more convenient, purchaſed. 162

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Richard Eppes*, of the County of *Prince George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Ferry over *James* River from *City Point*, in the County aforeſaid to *Shirley Hundred*, at the Ship Landing, in the County of *Charles City*, is a private Grievance, and not convenient to the Public, and hath been long diſuſed; and therefore praying that ſo much of the Act[1] of General Aſſembly, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, as eſtabliſhed the ſaid Ferry, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Ballantine*, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner, in the Year 1755, was employed by Lieutenant *John Hamilton*, of the *Virginia* Regiment, to transport, by Water, Forty-four Recruits, from *Mattox* to *Alexandria*, on *Potomack* River, and faithfully performed the Service, but had received no Satiſfaction for it, not knowing to whom he ſhould apply, the ſaid *Hamilton* having been killed in the Campaign of that Year; and therefore praying that the Houſe will make him a reaſonable Satiſfaction for his ſaid Service.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the *Governor*, by M[r] *Walthoe:*

M[r] *Speaker*,

His Excellency the Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe, and to recommend to your immediate Notice, certain Letters and Papers, relative to Indian Affairs.

And he preſented the ſaid Letters and Papers at the Bar.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed that M[r] *Nathaniel Edwards*,[2] one of the Members for the County of *Brunſwick*, had, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, accepted a Commiſſion from the Deputy Secretary of this Colony to execute the Office of Clerk of the Court of the ſaid County of *Brunſwick*, but had not qualified under his ſaid Commiſſion, the ſaid County Court having refuſed to admit him to the ſaid Office;

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid M[r] *Edwards* is capable to ſit and vote as a Member of this Houſe.

It was *reſolved* in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the *Governor*, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs[3] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Room of M[r] *William Roane*, who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of Deputy Attorney for the King in the ſaid County; and that M[r] *Edmondſon* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

A *Bill* to continue and amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[4] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read a ſecond Time. 163

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday

1 Hening, IV, p. 362. 2 Succeeded by John Jones in 1771. 3 Roane was re-elected.
4 Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Tuesday, the 22d of May. 10 Geo. III. 1770.

ORDERED, That the Petition for ſeveral Merchants, Planters, and others, praying that a Tobacco Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed at *Low Point*, on *Chipoake's* Creek, which, upon *Tueſday* the Twelfth Day of *December* laſt, was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince George* and *Brunſwick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of the Petition preſented to this Houſe for removing the Warehouſes from *Cabin Point* to *Low Point*, and ſetting forth that the latter is a much more inconvenient Place for an Inſpection that the former; and therefore praying that the ſaid Petition, for a Removal, may be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders and Houſekeepers, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of the Application made to this Houſe, for new modelling the Counties in the *Northern Neck;* and ſetting forth the Difficulties and Expenſes of executing, and the ill Conſequences which will reſult from the propoſed Alteration; and therefore praying that the Boundaries of the ſaid Counties may remain as they are.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, Merchants, and others, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and the adjacent Counties, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing may be diſcontinued, which, upon *Friday* the eighth Day of *December* laſt, was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

164 A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders and Houſekeepers, Inhabitants of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, taking Notice of the Petition preſented to this House, for diſcontinuing the Inſpection at *Stratford* Landing; and ſetting forth that the Reaſons aſſigned for the ſame are inſufficient; and therefore praying that the ſaid Inſpection may be continued.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Baylor Walker* and *William Fleet*, Executors of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *John Semple*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1765, the ſaid *John Semple*, having become bound with *Philip Rootes*, who was appointed Sheriff of the County of *King and Queen*, as his Surety for the faithful Execution of that Office, and intending to take ſome Meaſures to be relieved from the ſaid Engagement, *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, then Treaſurer, obliged himſelf and his Repreſentatives to ſave harmleſs the ſaid *John Semple*, who thereupon thought it unneceſſary to provide further for his Indemnification; but after the Death of the ſaid *John Robinſon*, on a Motion of the ſucceeding Treaſurer, a Judgment was recovered againſt the ſaid *John Semple* for 1271 *l.* 8 *s.* 7 *d.* for the Balance of Taxes collected by the ſaid *Philip Rootes*, and his Deputies, during the Time of his Sheriffalty, and Coſts, to ſatiſfy which Judgment the ſaid Decedent's Eſtate hath been taken in Execution; and that the petitioners conceive it to be juſt and equitable, that

that the Money and Coſts recovered as aforeſaid, ſhould be conſidered as ſo much received by the ſaid *John Robinſon*, to whom, as Treaſurer, the ſaid *Philip Rootes* was accountable for the ſame, and be added to his public Account, and that the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Semple* ſhould be diſcharged from the ſaid *Judgment;* and therefore humbly ſubmitting the Caſe to the Wiſdom and Juſtice of the Houſe, and praying ſuch Relief as to them ſhall ſeem equitable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to veſt certain Lands, whereof *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, died ſeized, in Truſt for *Philip Johnſon*, Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee has examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true, and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Richard Eppes*, to them referred, praying that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly paſſed in the Sixth year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for ſettling new Ferries over* James, Appomattox, Nottoway, Rappahannock, *and* Potomack *River*, 165
as eſtabliſhes a Ferry from City Point, in the County of Prince George, *to the Ship Landing at* Shirley Hundred, *in the County of* Charles City, may be repealed, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the ſaid Committee which was agreed to by the Houſe upon *Monday* the thirteenth Day of *November* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which hath been this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Henry Townſend*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner had ſerved upwards of four Years in the ſaid Regiment, and on the twelfth Day of *November*, in the Year 1758, was ſo wounded in his Breaſt and Arm, that he is unable to labour; and therefore praying that this Houſe will take his Caſe into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Relief as to them ſhall ſeem reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved, that the Extract of a Letter to his Excellency the Governor, from the Earl of *Hillſborough*, which was Yeſterday ordered to lie upon the Table, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, returning him the Thanks of this Houſe for the very early Attention he hath been pleaſed to give to their former Addreſſes, reſpecting the Copper Coin, the Extenſion of the Boundary Line, and the Importation of Salt into this Colony; and intreating his Lordſhip

[1] Hening, IV. p. 362.

Lordſhip to uſe his further good Offices in endeavoring to procure Succeſs to the earneſt Deſires of this Houſe in thoſe ſeveral important Articles.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Harriſon*.

Ordered, That the Letters[1] which have paſſed between the Committee of Correſpondence, and the Agent for this Colony, ſince the twenty-first Day of *December* laſt, be laid before the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved, that the Letters and papers relative to *Indian* Affairs, mentioned in his Excellency the Governor's Maſſage to this Houſe, which were Yeſterday ordered to lie upon the Table, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly,

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage, Letters, and Papers, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

168 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Letters and Papers relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned.

A *Petition* of the Juſtices of the County of *James City*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioners and the Corporation of the City of *Williamſburg* had, for their mutual Convenience and Benefit, entered into a Contract to build a commodious Court-Houſe at their joint Expence; but that there is no Situation fit for the Purpoſe, within the Line of the ſaid County, as it is now eſtabliſhed; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for adding to the ſaid County ſo much of the Market Square, in the ſaid City, as lies on the North Side of the Main Street, as far as *Nicholſon* Street, and between *Hugh Walker's* Lot and the Paling where Mr *Haldenby Dixon's* Store ſtands, and for empowering the Petitioners to ſell a Lot of Land, whereon their preſent Court-Houſe ſtands, in the ſaid City, and applying the proceeds of ſuch Sale towards diſcharging their Proportion of the Expence of building a new Court-Houſe. *And also*

A *Petition* of the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, and Common Council, of the City of *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth their Agreement with the Court of the County of *James City* to join in building a Court-Houſe on the Market Square of the ſaid City; and therefore praying that Part of the ſaid Market Square may be added to the ſaid County of *James City*, and that the Petitioners may be permitted to uſe the Guard-Houſe, in the ſaid City, the Guard being diſcontinued, as and for a Market-Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be ſeverally referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, of the County of *Northampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee Tail of Eighteen Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *York*, and that it will be greatly to the Intereſt of the Petitioner, as well as thoſe claiming under him, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Land; and therefore praying that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of the Juſtices of Peace of the County of *Culpeper*, and the Attornies practicing in the Court of the ſaid County, praying that the Court Day of the ſaid County may be altered from the third *Thurſday* to the third *Monday* in every Month.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Henry Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of *Pittſylvania*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved

[1] Committee of Correſpondence Papers 1759-1774.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of* Pittſylvania.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrance.

A *Bill* for ſettling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of *Huſtings*, for the City of *Williamſburg*, was read a ſecond Time. 167

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An Engroſſed *Bill* to prevent Maſters or Skippers of Veſſels from ſelling ſpirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in ſmall Quantities, was read the third Time.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Bill* for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from Baſtard Children born within the ſame, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Houſekeepers, of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining of the irregular Election, and inconvenient Reſidence, and ſome illegal Practices and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry eſtabliſhed from the Land of *John Laidler*, in the Province of *Maryland*, over *Potomack* River, to this Colony, is very advantageous to the Inhabitants of both, and that the Brick-Houſe Landing, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, formerly belonging to *Henry Waſhington*, deceaſed, is the moſt convenient Place for Paſſengers over the ſaid Ferry to be put on Shore at; and therefore praying that the ſaid Brick-Houſe Landing may be declared a Public Landing, and a road be opened from thence to the *Weſtmoreland* main Road, as it now runs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to order a Writ to be made out for the electing of Burgeſſes[3] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Botetourt*, no Writ having been iſſued for that Purpoſe; and that Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Auguſta*, do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 417 (Chatham.)
2 Ibid, VIII, p. 361.
3 William Preſton and John Bowyer.

Wednesday, the 23d of May, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Sumner*, Proprietor of the Public Warehouſe, at *Conſtance's* in the County of *Nanſemond*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, at the Time the Rent of the ſaid Warehouſe was ſettled to be paid out of the eight Pence *per* Hogſhead, great Quantities of Tobacco were
188 brought there to be inſpected which obliged the Petitioner to build large Houſes for their Reception; but that ſince, the Hogſheads of Tobacco brought there are ſo few that the Rents are not ſufficient to defray the Expence of neceſſary Repairs; and therefore praying that a certain yearly Rent for the ſaid Warehouſe, for the future, may be paid by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, from the Committee of Correſpondence, according to Order, the Letters which have paſſed between the ſaid Committee, and the Agent for this Colony, ſince the 21ſt Day of *December* laſt.

And the ſaid Letters were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Bill* to continue and amend the *Act*[1] *for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Hubard*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, *without any Amendment. And alſo*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of *Pittſylvania*, *with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Several *petitions* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application made to this Houſe for appointing the General Muſters and Courts Martial in the ſaid County, to be in or near the Center thereof, and ſetting forth that ſuch a Regulation would be unreaſonable and inconvenient, and therefore praying that the law relating to the Appointment of Muſters and Courts Martial in that Reſpect may not be altered.

189 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petitions do lie upon the Table.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Time by Law appointed for General Muſters is very inconvenient, and therefore praying that the ſaid Law may be altered, by appointing General Muſters to be in the Month of *September* or *October*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A *Petition* of *David Meade*, and *Sarah* his wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioners are ſeized in Right of the Wife as Tenants in Fee

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[1] Hening, VII, p. 93. [2] Ibid, VIII. p. 361. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 417 (Chatham.)

Fee Tail of and in a Tract of Land, in the County of *Northampton*, ſituate on *King's* Creek, and the Bay of *Cheſapeak*, containing Six Hundred Acres; and that it will be greatly for the Advantage of the petitioners and their Poſterity, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Land, and, in Lieu thereof, ſettle other Lands of equal or greater Value, in the County of *Nanſemond*, whereof the ſaid *David Meade* is ſeized in Fee Simple, to the ſame Uſes; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Blair* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Martin Shearman*, and *Robert Mitchell*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Deep Creek* Warehouſe, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the ſaid Warehouſe was broke open in the Year 1759, and Three Thouſand and Fifteen Pounds of Crop Tobacco were taken out of it, for which the petitioners were obliged to pay 60 *l.* 6 *s.* that the ſaid Warehouſe was again broke open in the year 1762, and One Thouſand Nine Hundred Pounds of Crop Tobacco were taken out of it, for which the Petitioners were obliged to pay 19 *l.* and that ſince Five Thouſand Nine Hundred Pounds of Tranſfer Tobacco were ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, for which the Petitioners were obliged to pay 59 *l.* and that this Houſe had been pleaſed in this Seſſion to reimburſe the ſaid laſt mentioned Sum of Money, and praying they may alſo be reimburſed the two former Sums of Money, amounting to 79 *l.* 6 *s.*

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Samuel Meredith* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, and hath no Slaves to work thereon, and that it would be greatly to his Intereſt to ſell the ſaid Land, and apply the Money ariſing from the Sale, to the Purchaſe of other Land and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid intailed Land; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill* from the Council, intituled, *An Act to prevent felling Oyſters at unſeaſonable Times*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe. 170

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be read a third Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Bill* to impower the Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, to retail Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, was read a ſecond Time.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be committed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VI, p. 140.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Bill* to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to repeal an Act made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[2] *concerning Strays, and to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail and veſting the ſame in Truſtees for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *York*, *Brunſwick*, *Goochland*, *James City*, *Surry* and *Suſſex*.

A *Bill* for encouraging the making of Hemp, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act againſt ſtealing Hogs*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *to amend An Act, intituled An Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine;* and that M[r] *Riddick* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

111 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Letters and papers, relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned.

M[r] *Riddick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled *An Act to amend an Act, intituled An Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Bill* to impower certain Truſtees to leaſe the Lands of the *Pamunkey Indians* and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *King William*, *Caroline*, *Hanover*, *New-Kent*, and *King & Queen*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 24th of May. 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Bill* to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled *An Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M[r] *Richard Baker*, M[r] *Benjamin Baker*, M[r] *Riddick*, M[r] *Edmund Pendleton*, and M[r] *Harriſon*.

M[r] *Henry Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Bernard Moore*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Father, *Auguſtine Moore*, Gentleman, deceaſed, of and in a valuable Tract of Land, containing about Eighteen

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 135. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 133. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 351.

Eighteen Hundred Acres, lying on *Mattapony* River, in the County of *King William*, and having a numerous Family, cannot make any Proviſion for his younger Children, without diſtributing his few Slaves among them, whereby his Heir will be left without any to work his intailed Lands; and that if the ſaid intailed Lands, which will produce a great Price, were veſted in Truſtees to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of freſh upper Lands, and ſome Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, the Heir would have a much more profitable Eſtate, when he ſucceeds to the ſame, and the Petitioner, in the mean Time, might be enabled, from the Profits, to make a better Proviſion for his younger Children; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Robert Burwell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner, under the Will of his Father, *Nathaniel Burwell*, late of the County of *Glouceſter*, Eſq; deceaſed, is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Tail, of a Tract or Parcel of Land, at 174
Warwickſqueak Bay, in the Pariſh of *Newport*, and County of *Iſle of Wight*; and that it will be advantageous to the Petitioner, as well as to his Iſſue, and thoſe claiming in Remainder or Reverſion, if he can ſell the ſaid Lands, and, in Lieu thereof, ſettle, to the ſame Uſes, other Lands, of greater Value, lying at *Bull Run*, in the County of *Prince William*, whereof he is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Simple; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in *Iſle of Wight*, and ſettle an Equivalent for the ſame out of his ſaid Lands in *Prince William* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Richard Baker* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the Counties of *Halifax* and *Charlotte*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry over *Staunton* River, at a Ford about Two Miles above *Fuqua's*, would be more convenient than the Ferry now kept at the latter Place; and therefore praying that the ſaid Ferry may be removed to the ſaid Ford.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, inhabiting on the South Side of *Dan* River, in the County of *Halifax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Court of the ſaid County hath ordered a way to be viewed for a Road to be opened to the *Little Falls* of *Dan* River, below the Mouth of *Hyco*, which hath been reported to be convenient, and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed at the ſaid Place, from the Land of *Richard Jones*, on the South Side, to the Land of the Reverend Mr *Miles Selden*, Clerk, on the North Side of the ſaid River.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Charles Lewis*, Gentleman, and of *John Lewis*, Gentleman, his eldeſt Son and Heir apparent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that by Act of General Aſſembly paſſed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, a Tract of Land, containing Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Acres, lying on *Tye* River, in that Part of the County of *Albemarle*, which is now the County of *Amherſt*, was veſted in the ſaid *Charles Lewis*, and the male Heirs of his Body; that the ſaid *Charles Lewis* hath delivered Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Land to his ſaid eldeſt Son, who hath the Uſe and Occupation thereof; that the ſaid *John Lewis* having lately obtained a Grant of Eleven Hundred and Forty-ſix Acres of Land, lying on *Dan* River, in the County of *Pittſylvania*, to which he hath removed, is deſirous that the ſaid Lands in *Amherſt* may be ſold, and the ſaid *Dan* River Lands, which are of greater Value, be ſettled in Lieu thereof; and that the ſaid *Charles Lewis* conſents to ſuch ſettlement, being ſatisfied the ſame will be advantageous to his ſaid Son and Family; and therefore praying

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that an Act may pass to vest the said *Tye* River Lands in the said *John Lewis* in Fee Simple, and to settle the other Lands in Lieu thereof.

173 *Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the former Part of this Session of Assembly, for reimbursing the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William* the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River; and that Mr *Henry* and Mr *Johnson* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Blair* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill[1] to vest certain Lands in *David Meade* in Fee Simple, whereof the said *David* and *Sarah* his wife are seized, in Right of the said *Sarah*, in Fee Tail, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Petition of *George Brooke*, Gentleman, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *George Braxton*, Esq; deceased, and a Family Settlement, of a Tract of Land, containing Five Hundred and Seventy-eight Acres, lying on *Mattapony* River, in the County of *King William*; and that he is seized in Fee Simple of a more valuable Tract, called *Mantapike*, containing Seven Hundred and Eighty Acres, lying in the County of *King & Queen*, on which he has made considerable Improvements, and is desirous to give the same to his eldest Son, but cannot do so unless he is impowered to make Provision for his younger Children out of the said *King William* Lands; and therefore praying that an Act may pass to vest the said Lands, in the County of *King William*, in the Petitioner in Fee Simple, and to settle the said *Mantapike* Lands in Tail in Lieu thereof.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the same.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*;

Resolved, That this House will, upon *Wednesday* next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of *Gloucester*, whereof *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentleman, is seized, and for vesting the same in Trustees, for the Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Dixon* and all the Members who serve for the Counties of *Gloucester*, *King & Queen*, *Caroline*, and *York*.

A *Bill* to repeal an Act for increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, was read a second Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Stark*, and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*.

A *Bill* to explain and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *to confirm the Charter of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings, in the City of* Williamsburg, was read a second Time.

174 *Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof *John Page*, Esq; is seized, and for settling other Lands, of greater Value, to the same Uses, was read a second Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Lee*, and all the Members who serve for the Counties of *Gloucester*, *Caroline*, *King William* and *Hanover*.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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[1] Hening, VIII, 470. [2] Ibid, VIII, 69. [3] Ibid, IV, 541.

Friday, the 25th of May, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A Claim of *Matthew Anderſon* for his Pay, as a Serjeant in the *Virginia* Regiment, in the Year 1759, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain Lands, whereof *Bernard Moore*, Eſq; is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the more ſpeedy Adminiſtration of *Juſtice* in this Colony; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Carrington*, and Mr *Richard Baker*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Charles Lewis*, Gentleman, is ſeized, in *John Lewis*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands and Slaves therein mentioned, in *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to ſettle other Lands, in Lieu thereof; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, from the Committee of Correſpondence, according to Order, another Letter to the ſaid Committee from the Agent for this Colony, ſince the 21ſt Day of *December* laſt.

And the ſaid Letter was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee appointed, upon *Tueſday* laſt, to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *beg Leave to preſent to your Excellency our ſincere Thanks for the early Attention you have been pleaſed to give our former Addreſſes and Memorial reſpecting the Extenſion of our Boundary to the Weſtward, the Importation of Salt from foreign European Ports, and the future Currency of Copper Coin within this Colony.*

His Majeſty's great Goodneſs in ſo immediately referring the humble Petitions of his dutiful Subjects to his Board of Trade and Plantations cannot but afford us the higheſt Satiſfaction, and we acknowledge with Pleaſure the great Candor of his Majeſty's principal Secretary of State for this Department in having the Conſideration of the ſeveral Matters, mentioned in your Lordſhip's Meſſage, poſtponed, till the Agent for this Colony ſhould receive proper Inſtructions from us; but, my Lord, having already through your Excellency, to us the moſt agreeable Channel of conveying to the Throne our humble Requeſts, ſubmitted to his Majeſty's Wiſdom our Reaſons for deſiring a more extended Boundary, we have nothing farther to add on that head, except that, if the Truth of any of the Facts contained in our humble Memorial ſhould be doubted, we are perſuaded it may be eſtabliſhed by unqueſtionable Proofs.

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The Foundation of our Wiſhes reſpecting the free Importation of Salt we truſt is alſo fully explained and underſtood, and, as to the Copper Money, which we deſire to have circulating amongſt us, our humble Requeſt is that it may be current here as in Great Britain, *allowing for the Difference between Sterling Money and the Currency of this Colony at the Rate of Twenty-five per Cent.*

It only therefore remains for us to entreat your Lordſhip, in whom we have abundant Reaſon to repoſe the greateſt Confidence, to uſe your farther good Offices in endeavoring to procure Succeſs to the earneſt Deſires of this Houſe in theſe ſeveral important Articles.

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the *Governor*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who drew up the ſaid Addreſs, do wait upon the *Governor* to know his Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhall attend his Excellency, to preſent their Addreſs.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the *Governor's* Meſſage, and the Letters and Papers, relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *to divide the Pariſh of* Hamilton, *in the Counties of* Fauquier *and* Prince William; and that M^r *Marſhall* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Andrew Eſtave* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, from his long Reſidence in *France*, hath attained a perfect Knowledge of the Culture of Vines, and the moſt approved Method of making Wine; that having lived in this Colony about two Years, he hath, during that Time, made it his particular Study to be acquainted with the Nature of the Soil, and Cultivation of the wild Grape, which grows ſpontaneouſly through this Country, and is both larger and better taſted than the wild Grape in *France*, and will, properly managed, produce very fine Wine; but from the unſucceſsful Attempts made here before by unſkilful People, ſuch a Project might perhaps meet with Difficulties, not eaſily to be removed, without the Aſſiſtance of the Legiſlature; and therefore praying this Houſe to allot him One
178 Hundred Acres of Land, in the Neighbourhood of the City of *Williamſburg*, with an Houſe thereon for him to live in, and three Negro Men to aſſiſt him, which he would hold on the following Terms, to wit; if he ſhould not make good merchantable Wine in four Years from the ſeating and planting the Vineyard, that he ſhould pay the Rent of the Land and Hire of the Slaves for that Term, but if he ſhould ſucceed to the Satiſfaction of the Public, and this Houſe, that then the Land and Slaves aforeſaid ſhould be and remain his Property, as an Encouragement, for his Diſcovery.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Rocky Ridge*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, and for adding certain Lots to the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*; and that M^r *Archibald Cary*, M^r *Adams*, M^r *Richard Randolph*, and M^r *Trent*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

M^r *Mercer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal the Act for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then

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[1] Hening, VIII, 403.

a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *John Welch*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner ſerved in the ſaid Regiment ſeven Years, and was not diſcharged until he was diſbanded at Fort *Lewis* in *March* 1762; and that during that Time he ſuffered much from Inclemency of Weather, which has brought on him a Rheumatiſm and Weakneſs, and diſabled him from getting his Livelihood; and therefore praying, that this Houſe will grant him ſuch Relief as they ſhall think meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* to compel Ships infected with the Gaol Fever or Small-Pox to perform Quarantine, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Baylor Walker* and *William Flect*, Executors of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *John Semple*, deceaſed, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It *appeared* to your Committee, that *John Robinſon*, Eſq; then Treaſurer, did, 177
by an Inſtrument of Writing under his Hand, bearing Date the 9th Day of *July*, 1765, oblige himſelf, his Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, to indemnify and ſave harmleſs the ſaid *John Semple*, his Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, of and from all Coſts, Charges, or Damages whatſoever, which ſhould or might ariſe or accrue to him or them for or on Account of his having become Security for *Philip Rootes*, as High Sheriff of *King & Queen* County; that after the Death of the ſaid *John Robinſon*, which happened in *May* next following, a Judgment was recovered againſt the ſaid *John Semple*, for 1271 *l.* 8 *s*, 7 *d.* for the Balance of Taxes collected by the ſaid *Philip Rootes*, and his Deputies, during the Time of his Sheriffalty, and Coſts; and that the ſaid Decedent's Eſtate hath been taken in Execution to ſatiſfy the ſaid Judgment.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of Four Thouſand Acres of Land, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of Four Thouſand Acres of Land, in the County of* Iſle of Wight, *whereof* James Burwell *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of* Pittſylvania.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 481

and after the 1st Day of October next enſuing, it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons, inhabiting within the ſaid Town, to raiſe or keep any Swine, within the Limits thereof, and ſuffer the ſame to go and run at Large within the ſaid Town. And if any Swine ſo raiſed and kept ſhall be found going or running at Large, within the Limits of the ſaid Town, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon whatſoever to kill and deſtroy the ſame."

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

A *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Charles Lewis*, Gentleman, is ſeized, in *John Lewis*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Amherſt*, *Pittſylvania*, *Charlotte*, and *Lunenburg*.

178 An ingroſſed *Bill* for ſettling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of *Huſtings* for the City of *Williamſburg*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for ſettling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of* Huſtings *for the City of* Williamſburg.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 26th of May, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Riddick* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the petition of *Andrew Eſtave*, containing certain Propoſals for the Culture of Vines, and making Wine, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Andrew Eſtave* ought to be encouraged.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs, and their Deputies; and that Mr *Bland* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Williams* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner had been robbed of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of the public Money, collected by him, as Under Sheriff of the County of *Lunenburg*, in the Year 1764, for which *Matthew Marable*, Gentleman, High Sheriff of the ſaid County, had recovered a Judgment againſt him; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Information of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, relating to the Accuſation reflecting on his Character, was referred, do ſtate an Account of the Expences of the Attendance, and taking the Examinations, of the Witneſſes before the ſaid Committee, and before the Commiſſioners in the Country, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 402.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe for removing the Inſpection from *Guilford* to *Hunting Creek*, and praying that if a Removal ſhall be thought neceſſary, it may be to *Tatham's* Landing, which is more convenient than *Hunting Creek*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Henry* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for reimburſing the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William* the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, being Proteſtant Diſſenters of the Baptist Perſuaſion, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the Inconveniences of compelling their licenced Preachers to bear Arms under the Militia Law, and to attend Muſters, by which they are unable to perform the Duties of their Function; and further ſetting forth the Hardſhips they ſuffer from the Prohibition to their Miniſters to preach in Meeting Houſes, not particularly mentioned in their Licences; and therefore praying the Houſe to take their Grievances into Conſideration, and to grant them Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 28th of May, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the white Tithables, in the ſaid County, are ſo numerous, and the Buſineſs of the Court thereof, is ſo multiplied, that the ſaid County ought to be divided; and therefore praying that the ſaid County may be divided into two Counties.

And alſo a *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of a Petition intended to be preſented to this Houſe for dividing the ſaid County, and ſetting forth that ſuch a Diviſion is unneceſſary, and would be inconvenient; and therefore praying that the ſaid County may not be divided.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral *Petitions* be ſeverally referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince George*, *Dinwiddie*, *Amelia*, *Brunſwick*, *Lunenburg*, *Mecklenburg*, *Charlotte*, *Prince Edward*, and *Suſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the very great Quantities of Tobacco brought to the Warehouſes for the Inſpection of that Commodity on *Appomattox* River, render it impoſſible for the preſent Inſpectors to give proper Diſpatch; and therefore praying that another Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Lots of Colonel *Robert Bolling*, which he lately purchaſed of Mr *Patrick Ramſay*, in the Town of *Blandford*, on the ſaid River.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Information of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, relating to the Accuſation reflecting on his Character, was recommitted, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the ſaid Information, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *James Bates*, that the ſaid *Bates* meeting with Mr *Nathaniel Terry* at *Halifax* Court, the ſaid *Terry* enquired of him what Part of his Dues he had paid, to which the ſaid *Bates* replied he could not tell, without ſeeing his Receipts. The ſaid *Terry* then aſked, to whom he had paid them, whether to *Champneſs Terry?* To which the ſaid *Bates* made Anſwer, that he had not paid them to the ſaid *Champneſs*, but to *Moſes Terry* and *William Moone*. Whereupon the ſaid *Terry* walked away, and in a little Time after the ſaid *Bates* meeting *Champneſs Terry*, the ſaid *Terry* aſked him if he had paid him any Money for Dues, whilſt he the ſaid *Champneſs* was Under Sheriff to Mr *Nathaniel Terry?* To which the ſaid *Bates* anſwered, he had not. Then the ſaid *Champneſs* deſired he would walk with him, and produced his Sheriff's Book, wherein the ſaid *Bates* was credited for Thirty-five Shillings, obſerving at the ſame Time, that ſuch Entry of Credit was made after the ſaid *Champneſs* was gone to the Southward, or *Florida*, and that he would ſwear it was the ſaid *Nathaniel's* writing. The ſaid *Champneſs* moreover ſaid, that the ſaid *Nathaniel* had vilified him to Col. *John Lewis*, his particular Friend, for receiving Money which he had not accounted for with the ſaid *Nathaniel*, and requeſted of the ſaid *Bates*, to inform Col. *Lewis* of the Error; which the ſaid Bates ſoon after did, in Preſence of the ſaid *Champneſs*. That ſome Time after, the ſaid *Bates* being in a Converſation with the ſaid *Nathaniel*, the ſaid *Nathaniel* ſignified that the ſaid *Bates* had taken great Freedoms with his Character, but being deſired by the ſaid *Bates* to mention in what Reſpect, the ſaid *Terry* replied, in many, without taking Notice of any one, in particular.

The ſaid *Bates* then obſerved to the ſaid *Terry*, that he could recollect one Inſtance only of ſuch Freedom, and that reſpected the Entry of Credit in the Book of *Champneſs Terry* made by the ſaid *Nathaniel*, for Money, which the ſaid *Bates* had not paid to the ſaid *Champneſs*; on which the ſaid *Nathaniel* confeſſed, that he had made ſuch Entry, in the Books of the ſaid *Champneſs*. That ſome Time in the ſame Day, a Diſpute ariſing between Mr *Walter Coles* and the ſaid *Nathaniel*, the ſaid *Nathaniel* denied, that he had given ſuch Credit, in the Book of *Champneſs Terry*, and threatened to ſue the ſaid *Coles* for ſaying he had done it; and the ſaid *Bates* being informed, that the ſaid *Terry* intended to Sue *Champneſs Terry* for Debt, and the ſaid *Bates* for Slander, had Recourſe to the ſaid *Champneſs's* Book, wherein he took Notice that the Credit before mentioned had been given to him, the ſaid *Champneſs* offering, at the ſame Time, to ſhew him many other Entries made by the ſaid *Nathaniel*, but the ſaid Bates declined looking into them, being in no Wiſe intereſted in them. That the ſaid *Bates* being applied to by the ſaid *Nathaniel*, to give him up the Receipts of the Deputy Sheriffs, and to accept the ſaid *Nathaniel's* Receipt, in Lieu thereof, the ſaid *Bates* thought it prudent to refuſe to do ſo, being deſired by *David Terry*, Brother to the ſaid *Champneſs*, not to give them up, and being moreover apprehenſive of ſome detriment to himſelf, from ſuch compliance. That the ſaid *Champneſs* informed the ſaid *Bates*, that from the relation of the Wife of the ſaid *Champneſs*, the ſaid *Nathaniel* had often, in the abſence of the ſaid *Champneſs*, applied to her for the ſaid *Champneſs's*, Book, but ſhe denied any Knowledge of it unleſs it was put into a ſmall Trunk; and by what Means the ſaid *Nathaniel* got Poſſeſſion of the Book, the ſaid *Bates* has been informed, but does not now remember. The ſaid *Bates* produced a Receipt for the ſaid Thirty-five Shillings, from the ſaid *William Moone*, bearing Date *September* 19, 1765.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Thomas Yuille*, that the ſaid

ſaid *Yuille*, some Time in the Month of *July*, 1768, being in Company with *Champneſs Terry* and Mr *Walter Coles*, heard the ſaid *Champneſs* expreſſing himſelf very freely on the Character of Mr *Nathaniel Terry;* and among many other approbious Epithets, the ſaid *Champneſs* alleged, that he believed his Couſin *Nathaniel* was as damned a Rogue as any in this Colony, but that it would take 100 honeſt Men to find him out; which, together with a flying Report of ſome Entries having been made in the ſaid *Champneſs Terry's* Book, induced the ſaid *Yuille* to ask the ſaid *Champneſs* of the Truth of that Report; to which the ſaid *Champneſs* anſwered, that the ſaid *Nathaniel*, in the Time that he the ſaid *Champneſs* was gone to the Southward, got at his Sheriff's Book and had made an Entry of Credit therein, of Money, which he the ſaid *Champneſs* had never received; and that the ſaid *Nathaniel* had brought a Suit againſt him, and among other Articles had charged the Money, which the ſaid *Nathaniel* had given Credit for, in the Book, as aforeſaid. That ſome Time after the Election of Burgeſſes, for the County of *Halifax*, in the Year 1768, the ſaid *Nathaniel* confeſſed he had given credit in the Book of the ſaid *Champneſs*, but that it was not done when the ſaid *Champneſs* was gone to the Southward, but in the abſence of the ſaid *Champneſs*, at *Williamſburg*. That the ſaid *Yuille*, of his own Knowledge, can say nothing touching the Character or Reputation of the ſaid *Nathaniel*.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *John Lewis*, Jun. that in the Year 1766 and 1767, *Champneſs Terry* lived with the ſaid *Lewis*, and in the Month of *February* or *March*, of the laſt mentioned Year, the ſaid *Champneſs* informed him, 181
that Mr *Nathaniel Terry* had made an Entry in the Book of the ſaid *Champneſs*, and had given *James Bates's* Account Credit for Thirty-five Shillings, which the ſaid *Champneſs* had never received; and which Entry had been made without the Privity or Conſent of the ſaid *Champneſs*. That ſoon after this information, the ſaid *Champneſs* being about to make a Journey to *Weſt Florida*, as the ſaid *Lewis* believed, delivered his Books and Papers into the Care of the ſaid *Lewis*, and that neither of them, with the Knowledge of the ſaid *Lewis*, were inſpected by the ſaid *Nathaniel*, in the Abſence of the ſaid *Champneſs*. That ſome Time after the Return of the ſaid *Champneſs*, in the Month of *September* or *October* following, the ſaid *Nathaniel* being in Company with the ſaid *Champneſs*, at the ſaid *Lewis's* Houſe, the ſaid *Champneſs* complained that the ſaid *Nathaniel* had uſed him very ill, in Regard to the before mentioned Entry; whereupon the ſaid *Nathaniel* confeſſed, that he did make the Entry, and could not at that Time recollect for what Purpoſe; but that he had no Intention of doing any Injuſtice by that Entry. That ſubſequent to this Converſation, both the ſaid *Nathaniel* and *Champneſs* informed the ſaid *Lewis*, that they had diſcovered the Error of the ſaid Entry and were mutually ſatiſfied.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Robert Wooding*, that a Suit having been brought by Mr *Nathaniel Terry* againſt *Champneſs Terry* to recover a balance due to the ſaid *Nathaniel*, and referred out of Court to be ſettled, as the ſaid *Wooding* was told, the ſaid *Wooding*, on Application made to him for that Purpoſe, attended at the Time and Place of Meeting, in Order to ſwear the Witneſſes; but upon the Interceſſion of the ſaid *Wooding*, with ſome others, the contending Parties agreed to give the Referees no further Trouble, and to ſettle their Accounts themſelves. After which, the ſaid *Champneſs* expreſſed himſelf greatly pleaſed, that they had ſettled their Diſpute in that Manner, as he would rather have given Forty Pounds, or even his Horſe, than that the ſame ſhould have been adjuſted in a public Manner, as the ſaid *Nathaniel* was his near Relation, and he ſhould have been obliged to expoſe him.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Moſes Terry*, that he was preſent at the Time Mr *Nathaniel Terry* and *Champneſs Terry* were ſettling their Accounts, and diſputing who ſhould pay the Coſts of the Suits brought by the ſaid *Nathaniel* againſt the ſaid *Champneſs*, when the ſaid *Moſes* propoſed, in Order to put an End to the Diſpute, to pay the Coſts himſelf, which they refuſed to accept; and afterwards, as the ſaid *Moſes* underſtood, agreed it between themſelves.

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It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *William Watkins*, that one *Alexander Troop* being chargeable on the Books of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, as High Sheriff of *Halifax*, for his Dues, the ſaid *Watkins* went with *Champneſs Terry*, the Under Sheriff and Collector, to the ſaid *Troop's* Houſe, and at the Inſtance of the ſaid *Troop*, agreed to pay Fifty odd Shillings, as nearly as the ſaid *Watkins* recollects, for the ſaid *Troop*, the ſaid *Champneſs's* whole Demand, as he underſtood at that Time; which Aſſumpſit the ſaid *Champneſs* accepted, and the ſaid *Watkins*, ſome Time after, paid the Money to the ſaid *Champneſs*. That after the ſaid *Champneſs* had left the Country to go to *Florida*, as was reported, the ſaid *Troop* informed the ſaid *Watkins*, that one *Lankford*, another Under Sheriff to the ſaid *Nathaniel*, had applied to the ſaid *Troop* for Part of his Dues, for the ſame Year; whereupon the ſaid *Watkins* informed *Lankford*, of his having paid *Champneſs Terry* the ſaid Fifty odd Shillings, as before mentioned, and was ready to make Affidavit to the Truth thereof. That the Matter reſted until the Return of the ſaid *Champneſs*, when the ſaid *Watkins* meeting with him, for the firſt Time, at *Halifax* Court, aſked the ſaid *Champneſs*, in Preſence of *Troop*, if he the ſaid *Watkins* had not paid him, on Account of the ſaid *Troop*, the ſaid Fifty odd Shillings; to which the ſaid *Champneſs* replied, if you ſay ſo, it is true. That the ſaid *Champneſs*, then holding his Book in his Hand, ſaid that the ſaid *Nathaniel* had got it in his Abſence and that it was not as he left it when he went away to *Florida*.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *George Boyd*, that in a Diſpute between Mr *Nathaniel Terry* and Mr *Walter Coles*, the ſaid *Terry* denied that he made the Entry, which the ſaid *Boyd* underſtood to be an Entry in *Champneſs Terry's* Sheriff's Book.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Thomas Tunſtall*, that ſome Time in the latter End of the Year 1768, the ſaid *Tunſtall* being in Company with Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, Mr *Walter Coles*, and ſeveral other Perſons, heard the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry* complain of being ill uſed by Mr *Thomas Yuille*, who he ſaid had reported, that he the ſaid *Terry* had been guilty of Forgery: To which the ſaid *Coles* anſwered, that if what the ſaid *Yuille* and himſelf had been informed was true, that he looked upon it to be little ſhort of Forgery, or Words to the ſame Purpoſe; upon which the ſaid *Terry* demanded what that Information was, and the ſaid *Walter Coles* anſwered, that he had been informed, that whilſt one *Champneſs Terry* (who had collected ſome Time under the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry* as Deputy Sheriff) was gone to the Southward, he the ſaid *Terry* made an Entry, or Entries of Credits in the Books of the ſaid *Champneſs Terry* for Money, which he had never received; which, according to the Beſt of the ſaid *Tunſtall's* Remembrance, the ſaid *Terry* then denied, and ſaid, that he had never ſeen the ſaid *Champneſs Terry's* Books, while he was gone to the Southward, and demanded of the ſaid *Coles* the Author of ſuch Information; but the ſaid *Coles* refuſed to give him his Author; upon which the ſaid *Terry* declared, that unleſs the ſaid *Coles* would do ſo, that he would bring a Suit againſt him to do Juſtice to his Character; to which the ſaid *Coles* anſwered, that he might bring ſuch Suit as ſoon as he pleaſed, and that it would be Time enough upon the Trial of that Suit, to produce his Author for the Information aforeſaid.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Champneſs Terry*, that he was not preſent at the making of the Entry in his Books by Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, whereby a Credit of Thirty five Shillings was placed to the Account of *James Bates*, but was gone on a Venire to *Williamſburg*: And that ſome Time before the ſaid *Champneſs* went to the Southward, a Settlement of Accounts was propoſed between the ſaid *Champneſs* and the ſaid *Nathaniel*, upon which the ſaid *Champneſs* diſcovered the Entry in his Book as aforeſaid, and told the ſaid *Nathaniel* that he the ſaid *Nathaniel* had made an Entry of Credit to *James Bates* of the aforeſaid Sum, which the ſaid *Champneſs* ſaid he never had received, and aſked the ſaid *Nathaniel* if he had received it, who anſwered he had not; then the ſaid *Champneſs* aſked him why he had made ſuch Entry, the ſaid *Nathaniel* anſwered he did not know, and aſked the ſaid *Champneſs*, if he the ſaid *Champneſs* did not direct him, which the ſaid *Champneſs* denied;

whereupon

whereupon a Difference arofe between the ſaid *Champneſs* and *Nathaniel*, that prevented their Settlement at that Time; and about a Year after, the ſaid *Champneſs* went to *Florida*, and ſoon after his return, being at the Houſe of Mr *John Lewis*, with the ſaid *Nathaniel*, a Diſpute aroſe between them, and among other Things the aforeſaid Entry was mentioned by one or the other, but which the ſaid *Champneſs* does not remember; however, the ſaid *Champneſs* then impeached the ſaid *Nathaniel* of Injuſtice, in making ſuch Entry; whereupon the ſaid *Nathaniel* ſaid, it did not appear ſo to him at that Time, and that he would clear up the Juſtneſs of that Point, by applying to Mr *James Bates*, and if Mr *Bates* would ſay that the ſaid Thirty-five Shillings was not paid, he the ſaid *Nathaniel* would give it up. That at the Time the ſaid *Champneſs* was Deputy Sheriff to the ſaid *Nathaniel*, he applied to the ſaid *Nathaniel to* releaſe him, and recommended one *William Moone*, whom the ſaid *Champneſs* had employed for the Month of *September*, 1765, as an Aſſiſtant. 182

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Abraham Shelton*, who, on a certain Day, was in Company with *James Bates*, at the Houſe of *Champneſs Terry*, and in a very little Time after he got there the ſaid *Terry* and *Bates* engaged in a Converſation reſpecting Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, when the ſaid *Champneſs* alleged, that the ſaid *Nathaniel* had uſed him very ill, by applying to his the ſaid *Champneſs's* Wife, in his Abſence, for his Sheriff's Book, and made ſome Entries of Credit, particularly mentioning the ſaid *James Bates's* Account, for which the ſaid *Champneſs* ſaid he ſtood charged to the ſaid *Nathaniel*. That he believes the ſaid *Champneſs* declared he was down the Country when that, or thoſe Entries were made.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Benjamin Lankford*, that in the Year 1765, *Champneſs Terry*, *Moſes Terry*, *Benjamin Terry* and the ſaid *Lankford*, ſerved as Under Sheriffs to Mr *Nathaniel Terry*. That at the Court for *Halifax* County, in the Month of *October*, the ſaid *Terry* informed the ſaid *Lankford*, that *Champneſs Terry* was gone to *Williamſburg*, and had declined acting any longer in the Office of Under Sheriff; that he ſhould be glad if the ſaid *Lankford* would ride up with him to the ſaid *Champneſs Terry's*, and aſſiſt in making out a Book of the Balances, which appeared on the ſaid *Champneſs's* Sheriff's Book, in order to put the ſame into the Hands of one *William Moone*, whom the ſaid *Nathaniel* had employed to collect them. That the ſaid *Lankford* accordingly went up to the ſaid *Champneſs's* and the ſaid *Nathaniel* aſking for the ſaid *Champneſs's* Sheriff's Book, the ſaid *Champneſs's* Wife delivered it to him, and the ſaid *Lankford* tranſcribed from it the Names and Balances of the ſeveral Perſons, into another Book, for the ſaid *Moone* to collect by. That the ſaid *Moone* being preſent, told the ſaid *Lankford* when he turned to Mr *James Bates's* Account on the Book, that he the ſaid *Moone* had received of the ſaid *Bates* Thirty-five Shillings. That after the Extracts were made as aforeſaid, the ſaid *Nathaniel* returned the Book again to the ſaid *Champneſs's* Wife, and ſome Time after this Tranſaction, the ſaid *James Bates* told the ſaid *Lankford*, that he had paid *William Moone* the ſaid Thirty-five Shillings.

The *Book* of the ſaid *Champneſs Terry* above mentioned, was produced to your Committee, in which, Page 5, is ſtated an Account againſt the ſaid *James Bates* on the Side, in which Debits are uſually entered, and appoſite thereto, is ſtated an Account againſt *Nathaniel Barkſdale*, both in the Hand Writing of the ſaid *Champneſs Terry*. That at the Foot of the ſaid *Barkſdale's* Account, is entered in the Hand Writing of the aforeſaid *William Moone*, theſe Words and Figures, "*Sept.* 19, 1765, *by Caſh paid* 1 *l.* 15 *s.*" through which Entry a Line of Eraſement appears now to be drawn, and under it theſe Words, in the Hand Writing of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*; "*This ought to have been James Bates.*" And at the Foot of *Bates's* Account, in the ſame Hand Writing, is entered, "*by* 35 *s.*"

It *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Francis Cox*, that ſome Time about the laſt of *November*, or firſt of *December*, 1765, Mr *Nathaniel Terry* came to the ſaid *Cox's* Houſe, in order to receive and pay for some Pork, which he had bought of the ſaid *Cox*, when the ſaid *Terry* ſhewed the ſaid *Cox* a conſiderable Quantity of Silver;

but

but the ſaid *Cox* not thinking the Pork fat enough, put off the Delivery for a Week longer; at which Time the ſaid *Terry* came again in the Evening, and enquiring whether *Benjamin Terry* had been there, and being told he had not, the ſaid *Nathaniel* ſaid to the ſaid *Cox*, that he could not pay him all the Money for the Pork, unleſs the ſaid *Benjamin* came. That in the Morning after, the ſaid *Benjamin* came, and the ſaid *Nathaniel* aſking him if he had got any Money, the ſaid *Benjamin* produced a Parcel, containing about 30 *l.* out of which he offered to pay the ſaid *Cox* for the Pork, but *Cox* objecting to ſome of the Money, as bad, the ſaid *Nathaniel* aſked the ſaid *Benjamin* of whom he received it; and he anſwered, of Mrs. *Perkins*. Then one or the other of the ſaid *Terries* ſaid to *Cox*, here is more Money, and produced another Parcel, which appeared to contain a 100 *l.* at leaſt, out of which laſt Parcel the ſaid *Cox* received the greateſt Part of the Payment for his Pork in Bills, and the Reſidue in Specie of the ſaid *Nathaniel*, amounting in the Whole to about 20 *l.* That ſome Time after, the ſaid *Cox* went to Mrs. *Perkins*, and aſking her how ſhe came to pay the *Terries* bad Money, ſhe anſwered if ſhe had, ſhe did not know it, but that her Name was written on the Back of the Money ſhe paid to *Benjamin Terry*. That the ſaid *Cox* afterwards diſcovered the ſaid Mrs. *Perkins's* Name was written on ſome or all of the Bills he received of M^r *Nathaniel Terry* or the ſaid *Benjamin* as aforeſaid, which ſaid Bills proved to be good.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Bethenia Chadwell*, that the ſaid *Bethenia* had been to *Orange* Court, in *North Carolina*, which was held on the ſecond *Tueſday* in *November*, 1765, and upon her return Home, which, to the beſt of her Remembrance, was on the *Thurſday* following, ſhe was informed that one *Benjamin Terry*, who was Under Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, had levied an Execution ſued out upon a Judgment obtained in the Court of the ſaid County, by *John Pleaſants*, againſt the ſaid *Bethenia*, as Executrix of her late Huſband *Nicholas Perkins*, on a Negro Boy, which was carried away by the ſaid *Benjamin* to the Houſe of the ſaid *Benjamin's* Father. That in two or three Days the Boy made his Eſcape, and returned Home alone to the ſaid *Bethenia*, and in a ſhort Time after the Return of the Boy, the ſaid *Benjamin* came again to the Houſe of the ſaid Bethenia, when ſhe paid him 22 *l.* 17 *s.* in Diſcharge of Part of the ſaid Execution, and between 8 *l.* and 9 *l.* in Paper Currency, for her Dues, at the ſame Time. That in the ſucceeding Summer after this Tranſaction, the ſaid *Benjamin*, with the ſaid *Nathaniel*, came again, and aſking to ſee the Receipt ſhe had taken of the ſaid *Benjamin*, for the Execution Money, the ſaid *Bethenia* ſearched near an Hour for the ſame, to no Purpoſe; though ſhe afterwards found it, and delivered it to M^r *Paul Carrington*, but never gave either of the ſaid *Terries* Notice of her having found the ſaid Receipt, which Receipt bears Date the 9^th of *December*, 1764.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Benjamin Lankford*, that *Benjamin Terry*, Father to the ſaid *Benjamin*, to whoſe Houſe the ſaid Negro Boy was carried as aforeſaid, lived at the Diſtance of 20 Miles from the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *John Chadwell*, that ſome Time after the ſaid *Benjamin Terry* had received the Money on *Pleaſant's* Execution of *Bethenia Perkins*, now the Wife of the ſaid *Chadwell*, he came in Company with M^r *Nathaniel Terry* to the ſaid *Chadwell's* Houſe, and was a conſiderable Time employed in ſearching for ſome Papers, but of what Kind, the ſaid *Chadwell* does not remember.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of *Thomas Tunſtall*, that the Execution iſſued on *Pleaſant's* Judgment againſt *Perkin's* Eſtate, was returnable to *December* Court, and that he does not remember the exact Time when the ſame was returned; but that it is not cuſtomary to return any Execution before the Return Day.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Record of the Proceedings of *Halifax* Court, in the ſaid *Pleaſant's* Suit againſt the ſaid *Bethenia Perkins*, that the Execu-
183 tion ſued out againſt her, bears date the 25^th Day of *September*, 1765, and is made returnable to the Court, on the third *Thurſday* in *December* following. That the Return on the ſaid Execution, in the Hand Writing of the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*, is in the following

lowing Words, "*Executed on a Negro Boy, who has made his Eſcape,*" and ſigned by the ſaid *Benjamin Terry*.

It further *appears* to your Committee by the Evidence of Mr *Paul Carrington*, a Member of this Houſe, that the ſaid *Carrington* proſecuted a Suit in the Court of *Halifax*, for *John Pleaſants*, againſt the Executors of *Nicholas Perkins;* that an Execution was ordered, which appears to have been iſſued in the Month of *September*, 1765, returnable to the *December* Court following, Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, being then High Sheriff of the County; that the ſaid *Carrington* applied to the ſaid *Terry* to be informed of the Circumſtances of the ſaid Execution, when the ſaid *Terry* anſwered, it had been ſerved on a Negro Boy, which had Eſcaped out of his Poſſeſſion; that ſome Time after the ſaid *Carrington* was informed by one *Peter Perkins*, that the Greateſt Part of the Debt was paid; that the ſaid *Carrington* then applied to Mr *Terry*, and told him of the Information he had received from *Perkins*, upon which Mr *Terry* ſaid he believed ſome Part of the Money was paid, but how much he did not know; that the ſaid *Carrington* then deſired Mr *Terry* to make himſelf acquainted how much had really been paid, that Mr *Pleaſants* might receive his Money; that the ſaid *Carrington* attended the Court, as well as he remembers, in *November*, 1765, alſo *June*, *July*, *Auguſt*, and *October*, 1766, *February*, *March*, *May* and *July*, 1767, and made frequent Applications to Mr *Terry*, but had for Anſwer from him, that he was ſtill unable to inform himſelf how much Money had been received on the ſaid Execution; that in the laſt mentioned Month of *July*, 1767, the ſaid *Carrington* went to Mrs. *Perkins's*, and deſired ſhe would inform him, why that Execution was not paid, or how much had been paid, when the ſaid *Perkins* delivered to the ſaid *Carrington* the Receipt bearing Date the 9th of *December*, 1764, ſigned by *Benjamin Terry*, Deputy Sheriff, for upwards of Twenty two Pounds, Part of the aforeſaid Execution; that the ſaid *Carrington* apprehends the ſaid *Terry* was miſtaken in the Date of the Receipt, as Mr *Nathaniel Terry* was not Sheriff of the County till the Year 1765; that the ſaid *Carrington* took Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Receipt, gave Mr *Nathaniel Terry* Notice of an intended Motion, and in the Month of *Auguſt* obtained a Judgment againſt him for the Amount of the Money expreſſed in the ſaid Receipt, the ſaid *Terry* agreeing to pay Intereſt thereupon; that the ſaid *Carrington* cannot recollect at what Court he made the firſt Application to Mr *Terry*, but thinks it might probably be in the Month of *November*, 1765; that in every other Inſtance, the ſaid *Carrington* hath had no Reaſon to doubt the Veracity of the ſaid *Terry*; and that the ſaid *Terry* being an indifferent Accountant, his Tranſactions ſometimes appear aukward and confuſed, till properly explained by himſelf.

Upon the whole Matter the Committee came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the firſt Article of Charge againſt the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*, 'that he had made, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, an Entry in the Book of *Champneſs Terry*, who was his Under Sheriff, in his Abſence, without his Knowledge or Conſent, that the Entry was a falſe one, and by that Entry he did endeavor to prejudice the Character of the ſaid *Champneſs*, by accuſing him of having received Money, as his Under Sheriff, which he had never paid to him;' It is the opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry* did make the Entry in the Book of *Champneſs Terry*, who was his Under Sheriff, in his Abſence, without his Knowledge or Conſent, but that the ſame was done to rectify a Miſtake, and not with any fraudulent Intention.

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the ſecond Article of Charge, 'that one *Ralph Jackſon*, of *Cheſterfield* County, did publicly ſay, that he loſt a Horſe out of his Paſture, that he hired two Men to go after him, that they tracked the Horſe to the Diſtance of Twenty odd Miles, and that, when they came up with him, Mr *Terry* was on the Back of the Horſe: It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry* hath fully acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge.

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the third Article of Charge, 'that Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, by a falſe Repreſentation of Facts, did obtain an Order from the Court of *Halifax* to be paid Ten Pounds out of the County Levy, for maintaining a Bridge longer, as he affirmed, than by his Agreement he was obliged to do; but that ſome Time after, it was

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further enquired into, and found that ſo far from his having maintained it longer, near two Years of the Time was to expire; upon which the Order was reverſed: It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry* hath fully acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge.

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the fourth Article of Charge, 'that Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, had an Execution given him againſt *Perkin's* Eſtate, which Execution he returned ſerved on a Negro, and the Negro run away; that it remained in that State for a Conſiderable Time, and the ſaid *Terry* never gave the Gentleman, who was appointed to receive the Money, and who made Application for it, although he was in the County regularly every Month, any Reaſon to believe he had got One Shilling of it: At Length it was diſcovered, that near two Years before the greateſt Part of it had been paid, and a Receipt given for it by a young Man, *Benjamin Terry*, who lived in the Houſe with Col. *Terry*, and was employed as his Deputy:' It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry* hath not acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge.

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the fifth Article of Charge, 'that a Suit was brought in the Court of *Halifax*, againſt Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, on his Aſſumpſit for uſing a Stray Horſe; and that a Report ſtrongly prevailed, that the ſaid *Terry* agreed to pay Two Piſtoles to accommodate the Diſpute touching the ſaid Horſe:' It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Terry* hath fully acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge.

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the ſixth Article of Charge, 'that two Stray Horſes were ſeen tied at Mr *Nathaniel Terry's*, and a few days afterwards one of them was branded, either with the ſaid *Terry's* Brand, or the Brand of a young Man who lived with him, was his near Relation, and who, on many Occaſions, was known to be the
184 ſaid *Terry's* Agent:' It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry* hath fully acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge.

Reſolved, That, with Reſpect to the ſeventh Article of Charge, that in the Year 1756 or 1757, Mr *Nathaniel Terry* commanded a ranging Company in the Frontiers, and with his Company and others, built three Forts, and that he promiſed he would ſee them well paid; that he has been ſince applied to for the Money, but gave for Anſwer he could not get any for them, although it appears from the Schedule referred to, by an Act paſſed in the 32d Year of the Reign of *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, that the ſaid *Terry* had received Money for the ſaid *Services*:' It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry* hath fully acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Mr *Terry* withdrew.

Then the ſaid *Reſolution* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ſecond* and *third* Reſolutions of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *fourth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made thereunto, *viz.*

To leave out, "*hath not acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge*," and inſert "*was guilty of a Breach of Duty in his Office of Sheriff, in delaying to pay the Money ſo received by his Under Sheriff, upon the ſaid Execution, for which he was liable to make Satiſfaction to the Creditor, as he accordingly did, in allowing the Intereſt of the ſaid Money; but that there was nothing criminal or corrupt in his ſaid Conduct, as it doth not appear he knew, at the Time of writing the Return upon the ſaid Execution for the ſaid* Benjamin, *that any Part of the Money was paid*," *inſtead thereof.*

And

[1] Hening, VII, p. 171.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Words '*hath not acquitted his Reputation upon the ſaid Article of Charge*' ſtand Part of the ſaid Reſolution;

It *paſſed* in the Negative.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Words '*was guilty of a Breach of Duty in his Office of Sheriff, in delaying to Pay the Money ſo received by his Under Sheriff, upon the ſaid Execution, for which he was liable to make Satiſfaction to the Creditor, as he accordingly did, in allowing the Intereſt of the ſaid Money; but that there was nothing criminal or corrupt in his ſaid Conduct, as it doth not appear he knew, at the Time of writing the Return upon the ſaid Execution for the ſaid* Benjamin, *that any Part of the Money was paid,*' be inſerted instead thereof;

It was *reſolved* in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that, with Reſpect to the fourth Article of Charge, 'that Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, had an Execution given him againſt *Perkins's* Eſtate, which Execution he returned ſerved on a Negro and the Negro run away; that it remained in that State for a conſiderable Time, and the ſaid *Terry* never gave the Gentleman, who was appointed to receive the Money, and who made Application for it, although he was in the County regularly every Month, any Reaſon to believe he had got one Shilling of it; at length it was diſcovered that near two Years before the greateſt part of it had been paid, and a Receipt given for it by a young Man, *Benjamin Terry*, who lived in the Houſe with Colonel *Terry*, and was employed as his Deputy:' The ſaid *Nathaniel Terry* was guilty of a Breach of Duty in his Office of Sheriff, in delaying to pay the Money ſo received by his Under Sheriff, upon the ſaid Execution, for which he was liable to make Satiſfaction to the Creditor, as he accordingly did, in allowing the Intereſt of the ſaid Money; but that there was nothing criminal or corrupt in his ſaid Conduct, as it doth not appear he knew, at the Time of writing the Return upon the ſaid Execution for the ſaid *Benjamin*, that any Part of the Money was paid.

The ſubſequent *Reſolutions* of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the 155
Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petitions of the Juſtices of *James City* County, and of the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, and Common Council of the City of *Williamſburg*, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petitions as prays that an Act may paſs for adding to the ſaid County of *James City*, ſo much of the Market Square in the ſaid City of *Williamſburg* as lies on the North Side of the Main Street, as far as *Nicholſon* Street, and between the Line of *Hugh Walker's* Lot, and the Paling where Mr *Haldenby Dixon's* Store ſtands, and now in the County of *York*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition of the Juſtices of *James City* County as prays that they may be impowered to ſell the Lot of Land whereon their preſent Court-Houſe ſtands, in the City of *Williamſburg*, and to apply the Proceeds of ſuch Sale towards diſcharging their Proportion of the Expence of building a new Court-Houſe, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Williamſburg*, as prays that they may be permitted to uſe the Guard-Houſe in the ſaid City (the Guard being diſcontinued) as and for a Market-Houſe, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill of Bills be brought in perſuant to the *firſt* and *ſecond* of the ſaid

ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of the Expences of the Attendance and taking the Examinations of the Witneſſes, before the ſaid Committee, and before the Commiſſioners in the Country, on the Information of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, relating to the Accuſation reflecting upon his Character, that the Committee had ſtated an Account accordingly; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Account was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Upon the *fourth* Article of Charge.

For the Profecution	For Mr. *Terry*	Before Commiſſioners	Before the Committee	Diſtance	Total Tobacco	Ferriages. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Bethenia Chadwell,			3 Days	230	870		6	
Francis Cox,			3	230	870		5	
	John Chadwell		3	230	870		6	
	Upon the other Articles of Charge.							
Champneſs Terry,		1 Day	3	200	805		5	
Thomas Tunſtall,		1	3	160	685		5	
William Wright,			3	160	660		5	
William Watkins,			3	168	684		5	
John Lewis,			3	200	780		5	
George Boyd,		1	3	175	730		5	
Abraham Skelton,		1	3	200	805		5	
Joſeph Mayes,		1	3	195	790		5	
Margaret Mayes,		1	3	195	790		5	
James Bates,		1	3	160	685		5	
Thomas Yuille,		1	3	160	685		5	
Joſeph Jackſon,		1	3	55	370		2	
Cain Jackſon,		1	3	55	370		2	
	Benajah Parker,		3	170	690		5	
	David Wall,		3	170	690		5	
	Daniel Wall,	1	3	170	715		5	
	Jeremiah Pate,		3	172	696		5	
	Joſhua Powell,		3	175	705		5	
	Benjamin Lankford,	1	3	200	805		5	
	Moſes Terry,		3	175	705		5	
	Robert Wooding,		3	175	705		2	6
	Mary M'Kendre,		3	175	705		5	
	Clement Reade,		3	140	600		4	
To *William Wright*, for attending the Commiſſioners as Clerk,						4		
To *Abraham Skelton*, for ſummoning 5 Witneſſes,					35			
To the Sheriff of *Halifax*, for ſummoning 14 Witneſſes,					98			
To the Sheriff of *Charlotte*, for ſummoning 3 Witneſſes,					21			
To the Sheriff of *Cheſterfield*, for ſummoning 2 Witneſſes,					18			
					18637£.	10	2	6

146 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do rate the Tobacco therein mentioned in Money, and allow all the ſaid Expences, amongſt the Money Claims of this Seſſion, to be paid by the Public.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for reimburſing the Country the Expence incurred by the Proſecution of Mr *Walter Coles's* Accuſation againſt Mr *Nathaniel Terry*; and that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Bowler Cocke* and *Charles Carter*, Eſquires, was preſented to the Houſe, and

and read; ſetting forth that in the Suppreſſion of an Inſurrection of Slaves, in the Month of *December* laſt, two of the Inſurgents were killed, and three ſo wounded that one of them is ſince dead, and the others are not yet recovered; of which five Slaves the ſaid *Bowler Cocke* was intitled to the Uſe for the Life of his Wife *Elizabeth*, and the ſaid *Charles Carter* had the property; and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, and that the Petitioners may be allowed for the ſaid Slaves.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Perſons, of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of a Petition intended to be preſented to the Houſe, for continuing ſix Members of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh in Office; and ſetting forth that the ſaid Veſtry have neglected their Duty, and that ſome of them have reſigned, and others refuſe to act; and that, as the Petitioners conceive, every Pariſh hath a Right once to chooſe a Veſtry, which Right the ſaid Pariſh never exerciſed; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r *Terry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the remainder of this Seſſion.

M^r *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petition of the Rector and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Briſtol*, in the Counties of *Prince George* and *Dinwiddie*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the matter of the ſaid Petition, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Rector and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Briſtol*, praying that the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh may be ſold, and a more convenient Glebe purchaſed, in Lieu thereof, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Letters and papers, relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned. 187

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 29th of May, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Owners of Lands in *Gingoteague* Iſland, in the County of *Accomack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Iſland is very proper for raiſing of neat Cattle and Sheep, though not plentifully ſupplied with freſh Water; and that Hogs kept there are very detrimental, by rooting the Paſture, polluting the Water, and devouring the Lambs; and alſo that Dogs do great Miſchief there by worrying

worrying and deſtroying the grown Sheep; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to prevent Hogs and Dogs going at Large on the ſaid Iſland.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Marſhall* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to divide the Pariſh of* Hamilton, *in the Counties of* Fauquier *and* Prince William; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Henry Townſhend*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, in Conſideration of the Wound he received in the Service, and of his being thereby rendered incapable of getting a Livelihood.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Welch*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of Five Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, in Conſideration of the Hardſhips he ſuffered in the Service, and of his being thereby rendered incapable of getting a Livelihood.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Joſeph Williams*, to be allowed the public Money ſtolen out of his Houſe, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *James Ford* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner being in the Service of this Colony, at the Battle of the *Meadows*, in the Year 1754, received a Wound in his right Eye, by a Muſket Ball, which deprived him of the Sight thereof, and that he is now growing old, and become weak; and therefore praying the Houſe to take his condition into Conſideration, and grant him Relief.

188 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Enoch Fowler*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that he is ſo afflicted with a Rheumatiſm, contracted whilſt he ſerved in the ſaid Regiment, as to be almoſt helpleſs, and unable, without extreme Difficulty, to provide Subſiſtence for himſelf, with a Wife and ſmall Children; and therefore imploring the Compaſſion of the Houſe and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Davis*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſuffered extraordinary Hardſhips, whilſt he ſerved in the ſaid Regiment, and after he was Diſcharged from it was affected with a nervous Diſorder, which is often a Conſequence of repeated Colds and great Fatigue, ſo that he is an Object of Compaſſion; and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 403.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Knibb* and *Thomas Stratton*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Bermuda Hundred*, in the County of *Chefterfield*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that ſeveral Parcels of Tobacco have been ſtolen out of the Warehouſe at the Place aforeſaid, for which the Petitioners were obliged to make Satiſfaction to the Proprietors and therefore praying the Houſe to take the ſame into Conſideration, and to grant ſuch Relief as ſhall ſeem reasonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to *Thurman's*, in the County of *Albemarle*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for clearing a Road from* Payne's Run, *in the County of* Auguſta, *to* Thurman's, *in the County of* Albemarle.

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to repeal an Act for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to repeal an Act for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick.

Ordered, That Mr *Rutherford* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain Lands, whereof *John Robinſon*, Eſq; died ſeized 180
in Truſt for *Philip Johnſon*, Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to veſt certain Lands, whereof* John Robinſon, *Eſq; died ſeized in Truſt for* Philip Johnſon, *Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *William Digges* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the *Act for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Letters and Papers, relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday

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1 Not recorded as a law. 2 Hening, VIII, p. 385. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 430.
4 Ibid, VIII, p. 460.

Wednesday, the 30th of May. 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of *John Wyatt*, *Francis Smith* and *Joſeph Foſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Gun of the ſaid *John Wyatt*, of the Value of Four Pounds, two Guns of the ſaid *Francis Smith* at the Value of Three Pounds, and one Gun of the ſaid *Joſeph Foſter*, of the Value of Two Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, were uſed in ſuppreſſing a late Inſurrection of the Slaves of *Bowler Cocke*, Gentleman, and ſpoiled in the Action; and therefore praying to be allowed for their ſaid ſeveral Loſſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Accomack*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided, and the *Petition of ſeveral* other Perſons of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Diviſion, were ſeverally referred, be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid *Petition;* and that the Conſideration of the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be deferred till the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do lay his Accounts, ſince the ſixteenth Day of *November* laſt before the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported to the Houſe, that the Governor having been waited upon, purſuant to the Order of *Friday* laſt, to know his Pleaſure when he would be attended
190 by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended this Day, in the Council Chamber, and to ſay he would acquaint the Houſe, by a Meſſenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Addreſs.

A *Bill* to veſt certain Lands in *David Meade* in Fee Simple, whereof the ſaid *David* and *Sarah* his Wife are ſeized, in Right of the ſaid *Sarah*, in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands, in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Blair*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Nanſemond*, *Northampton*, *Iſle of Wight*, and *Southampton*.

Mr *Treaſurer*, according to Order, laid his Accounts, ſince the ſixteenth Day of *November* laſt, before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands and Slaves, therein mentioned, in *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to ſettle other Lands, in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Burton*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *York*, *Elizabeth City*, and *James City*.

A *Bill* to veſt certain Lands, whereof *Bernard Moore*, Eſq; is ſeized, in Fee Tail, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Lyne*, Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Taliaferro*.

A *Bill* to amend an Act paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for reimburſing the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to explain and amend an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *to divide the Pariſh of* Hamilton, *in the Counties of* Fauquier *and* Prince William, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 403.

Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, praying that *Guilford* Warehouſe may be diſcontinued, and new Warehouſes, eſtabliſhed at *Finley's* Point, on *Hunting* Creek, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, in Oppoſition thereto, and praying that new Warehouſes may be eſtabliſhed at *Tatham's* Landing, in the ſaid County of *Accomack*, be rejected.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor, by M^r *Hubard:*

M^r. *Speaker*,

The Governor is now ready to receive the Addreſs of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly M^r *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and being returned, he reported, 191
that the Houſe had attended the Governor, with their Addreſs, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to give this Anſwer:

M^r *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I will report to the King the full contents of your very obliging Addreſs, and will again implore his Majeſty, as immediately as poſſible, to indulge his Houſe of Burgeſſes in all their reaſonable Deſires.—To do leſs would be to neglect my Duty.

Having laſt Night received certain material Papers from M^r Stuart, *Superintendant of the Southern Diſtrict, I muſt beg Leave to ſubmit them to your immediate Conſideration.*

M^r *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him the Papers mentioned in his Excellency's Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe, to have been received from M^r *Stuart*, Superintendant of the Southern Diſtrict.

And he delivered the ſaid Papers in at the Clerk's Table.

And the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Then the *Reſolutions* of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances upon the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, praying that *Guilford* Warehouſe may be diſcontinued, and new Warehouſes eſtabliſhed at *Finley's Point*, on *Hunting Creek*, and the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Accomack*, in Oppoſition thereto, and praying that new Warehouſes may be eſtabliſhed at *Tatham's* Landing, in the ſaid County of *Accomack*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Letters and Papers, relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned;

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage, Letters, and Papers, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

M^r *Speaker* left the Chair.

M^r *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

M^r *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which he

he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it may be of eſſential Service to the Intereſt of this Colony, to appoint Commiſſioners to join thoſe of the Northern Provinces, in conſidering a Plan for regulating the Trade of his Majeſty's *American* Subjects with the *Indians*.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Henry* and Mr *Treaſurer*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

182 The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Bowler Cocke* and *Charles Carter*, Eſquires, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read.

And the Houſe being informed, that ſome Alteration might be neceſſary to be made in the ſaid Report;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be re-committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be re-committed to the ſame Committee, to whom the ſaid Petition was referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 31ſt of May. 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs, and their Deputies; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Charles Lewis*, Gentleman, is ſeized, in *John Lewis*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to compel Perſons to find Security in certain Caſes; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Nicholas Alley* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1757 the Petitioner ſupplied the Militia of *Prince Edward* County with Three Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds of neat Pork, and Two Barrels of Corn, for which he hath never received any Satiſfaction; and that the Petitioner's ſaid

183 Claim was preſented to the Houſe in 1764, and rejected, becauſe, as he was informed, he

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

he did not attend and ſhew why he had not applied ſooner, the Reaſon whereof was, that having been wounded in an Engagement with the *Indians*, ſoon after he ſupplied the ſaid Proviſions, upon his Recovery he removed to *South Carolina*, where he remained till the ſaid Year 1764; and therefore praying the Houſe to make him a reaſonable Allowance.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince George*, *Dinwiddie*, *Amelia*, *Brunſwick*, *Lunenburg*, *Mecklenburg*, *Charlotte*, and *Suſſex*, praying that another Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Lots of *Robert Bolling*, which he lately purchaſed of *Patrick Ramſay*, in the Town of *Blandford*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Dinwiddie* County, in Oppoſition thereto, and praying that another Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Robert Bolling*, between *Bolling's* old Warehouſe and *Bollingbrook*, be rejected.

The ſaid Reſolutions being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

A *Meſſage from the Council by* Mr *Hubard:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act[1], for ſettling the Fees of the Clerk and ſerjeant of the Court of Huſtings for the City of *Williamſburg*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled An Act[2] to veſt certain Lands, whereof *John Robinſon*, Eſq; died ſeized, in Truſt for *Philip Johnſon*, Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled An Act[3] for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to *Thurman's*, in the County of *Albemarle*, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendment into Conſideration;

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 11, After '*required*' inſert '*by Warrant from his Excellency the Governor.*'

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the ſame without the Amendment; and that Mr *Harriſon* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered, That Mr *Taliaferro* have leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Monday* Fortnight.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Members of the Church of *England*, in the Pariſh of *Frederick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Pariſh being very extenſive, and there being not leſs 134

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 402. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 460. [3] Not recorded as a law.

than ſeven Churches and Chapels therein, it is impoſſible for the Miniſter to perform the Duties of his Office in a proper Manner, and as the Law requires; neither can his Congregation attend Divine Service ſo frequently and conveniently as they ought, nor can ſome Perſons of them partake at all of the Benefits of his Miniſtration; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided into three Pariſhes by a Line, beginning at *William's Gap*, and running thence to the *Hampſhire* Boundary, in a direct Courſe ſo as to paſs ſeven Miles to the North Eaſtward of the Town of *Winchester*, and by another Line, beginning at the Mouth of *Flint Run*, and running thence Eaſt South Eaſt to the *Culpeper* Line, and from the ſaid Mouth of the *Flint Run* to the Mouth of *Cedar Creek*, and from thence in a direct Weſt North Weſt Courſe to the Boundary of *Hampſhire* and *Frederick* Counties.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* to explain and amend an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *to divide the Pariſh of* Hamilton, *in the Counties of* Fauquier *and* Prince William, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to explain and amend an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, intituled *An Act to divide the Pariſh of* Hamilton, *in the Counties of* Fauquier *and* Prince William.

Ordered, That Mr *Marſhall* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Luke Luker* and *John Walton*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Pungoteague*, was presented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that the Warehouſe at that Place being damaged by the Guſt in *September* laſt, before the ſame could be repaired, one Hogſhead of Tobacco was ſtolen out of it, for which the Petitioners, not being able to recover it, have been obliged to made Satiſfaction to the Owner thereof; and therefore praying that they may be reimburſed by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for reimburſing the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William* the expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to amend an Act paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for reimburſing the Counties of* Hanover *and* King William *the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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MR *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to veſt certain Lands, whereof *Bernard Moore*, Eſq; is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees, to be ſold and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 403. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 428. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 416.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions or Public Claims after *Tueſday*, the Twelfth Day of this Inſtant, *June*.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Grymes*, in Behalf of himſelf and his Creditors, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Negro Man Slave, Part of the Petitioner's Eſtate, conveyed to Truſtees for the Benefit of his Creditors, having been convicted of Hog-ſtealing, and puniſhed, was, by Order of the Court before whom he was tried, remanded to Gaol till the Petitioner ſhould ſend for him; and that the Petitioner, the next Day after he had Notice thereof, ſent for the ſaid Slave, but he was ſo froſt-bitten during his ſaid Confinement, that he is thereby rendered of little Value; and therefore praying the Houſe to make ſuch Satiſfaction as they ſhall think reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Lee* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof *John Page*, Eſq; is ſeized, and for ſetting other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was prefented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Act of General Aſſembly, made for Relief of inſolvent Debtors, doth not fully anſwer the good Purpoſes thereof, it being ſometimes difficult for thoſe unfortunate People to give Notice of their Intention to take the Benefit of the ſaid Act to the Creditors or their Agents, and the Courts being often prevented by unavoidable Accidents from ſitting, to receive the Schedule of ſuch Debtors Eſtates; and that the Confinement of the ſaid Debtors in Gaol, Twenty Days before they can diſcharge themſelves by the ſaid Act, is not only unprofitable to the Creditors, but is attended with unneceſſary 194
Expence to the Public; and therefore praying that the ſaid Act may be amended ſo as to remedy the Evils complained of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Eyre* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands and Slaves, therein mentioned, in *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to ſettle other Lands, in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the greater Number of People in the ſaid County, in Order to attend their Court, are obliged to go from Twenty to Six and Thirty Miles, to the Court-Houſe, in the Town of *Frederickſburg*, near one Corner of the County, which is not only a ſingular Grievance, the Court-Houſes of other Counties being, for the moſt part, in or not far from the Centers of them, but is a means of retarding the Buſineſs of the ſaid Court, and may be of pernicious Conſequences, if, at the Time of an Election of Members, to repreſent the ſaid County in General Aſſembly,

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the Weather ſhould be ſo bad as to hinder the Electors from going ſo great Diſtance; and that the Advantage the preſent Situation of the ſaid Court-Houſe is ſuppoſed to be of to the ſaid Town the Petitioners hope will not be put in Competition, with their Conveniency, contrary to the Policy of the Legiſlature, which hath ever been, in forming Counties, to conſult the Eaſe of their reſpective Inhabitants; and further ſetting forth, that Suits of Law are, by the increaſed Population of the Colony, exceedingly multiplied, the Proſecution of them dilatory, and the Expences attending them enormous; and therefore praying, that this Houſe will addreſs the Governor that his Excellency will order the Court of the ſaid County of *Spotſylvania* to be held at the moſt convenient Place, near the Center thereof; and alſo praying, that ſome Mode may be adopted for the determining Law Suits with more Expedition and leſs Expence, agreeable to the Cuſtom of the King's Courts in *Great-Britain*, and that Perſons, who have been brought up to the Law, and been reſident in the Colony, at leaſt five Years, may be appointed Judges, and be rewarded as they deſerve, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Grymes*, in Behalf of himſelf and others, of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read;
177 ſetting forth, that the late Election of Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, made in Conſequence of an Act of this preſent Seſſion of General Aſſembly, was unfair, and unjuſt, many perſons being permitted, who were not qualified, to vote therein; and that the Court of the ſaid County admitted only Eleven of the Veſtrymen returned elected to be ſworn into Office, upon a Preſumption that, inſtead of the Twelfth Member returned, another Candidate would have been choſen, if the Sheriff had not acted partially; and therefore praying that the ſaid Election may be ſet aſide, and a new one appointed; and that no Perſon may be permitted to poll at ſuch Election but thoſe who pay their own Scot and Lot.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration two Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Planters, and others, praying that a Tobacco Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed at *Low Point*, on *Chipoake's Creek*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince George* and *Brunſwick*, in Oppoſition thereto, are reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Shepherd* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that there was formerly a public Ferry eſtabliſhed from the Land of *Thomas Swearingen*, in the County of *Frederick*, acroſs *Potowmack* River, to the Province of *Maryland;* that a little below the ſaid Ferry, a Town called *Mecklenburg*, was eſtabliſhed on the Petitioner's Land, ſome Diſtance from the River, between which and the Town, but not adjoining either, the Petitioner agreed to ſell the ſaid *Thomas* half an Acre of Land, which was laid off, but never conveyed or paid for during his Life; that it being found more convenient to have a Ferry from a Landing near the Town than at the former Place, ſuch Ferry was eſtabliſhed from the Land of the Petitioner, by an Act paſſed in the Year 1764, in Conſequence of which Roads were laid out through the Petitioner's Land

Land to the ſaid Ferry, and he provided Boats for keeping the ſame; that the Widow and Sons of the ſaid *Thomas Swearingen* have been endeavoring to get the ſaid Ferry from the Petitioner, and the ſaid half Acre of Land being found not to extend to the River, and it being doubtful whether the Petitioner's Land did ſo, the ſaid Land was entered for both by them and the Petitioner as waſte Land, and the Matter being heard upon a Caveat by Lord *Fairfax*, he granted the Land to the Petitioner; but whilſt that Caveat was depending, and in the Abſence of the Petitioner, they applied to the Legiſlature, and procured a Repeal of the Act for eſtabliſhing the Petitioner's Ferry, upon ſuggeſtion, that the ſame was neceſſary, as being but a ſmall Diſtance from *Swearingen's* old Ferry, although the latter hath been long ſince diſcontinued, and the Road thereto ſtopped, and being poſſeſſed of Lands oppoſite to the Petitioner's on the *Maryland* Side, they keep a Ferry to and from his Land, whereby he is ſubject to the Inconvenience of Roads through his Land to the ſaid Ferry, while others are reaping the Advantages, which he conceives to be unjuſt; and therefore praying that the Act for eſtabliſhing his ſaid Ferry may be revived. 128

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion to whom the Petition of ſeveral Perſons, being Proteſtant Diſſenters, of the Baptiſt Perſuaſion, was referred, that the Committee had partly examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that the Miniſters or Preachers of the Baptiſt Perſuaſion may not be compelled to bear Arms or attend Muſters, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies, and Reſtraint of Vagrants, and for making Proviſion for the Poor;* and the ſame was received, and read the first Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Willis Riddick*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Baker* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Nanſemond*, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Conſideration of the Subject-Matter of the ſaid Petition be put off until *Wedneſday*, the 13th Inſtant.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Dixon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until *Wedneſday* next.

A *Bill* for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper* was committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for altering the Court Day of the County of *Pittſylvania*, from the fourth *Friday* to the fourth *Thurſday* of every Month.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony;

Ordered

[1] Hening, VI, p. 29.

Ordered, That the Papers mentioned in the Governor's Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe to have been received from Mr *Stuart*, Superintendent of the Southern Diſtrict, which, upon *Wedneſday* laſt, were ordered to lie upon the Table; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Governor's Meſſage, and the Letters and Papers relative to *Indian* Affairs, therein mentioned, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had directed him to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly made in the 4th Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances:* And alſo one other Act made in the 10th Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled *An Act*[2] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Election;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 2d of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

ORDERED, That Mr *Henry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* ſevenight.

A *Petition* of *Francis Eppes* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized of Four Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *Henrico*, in Tail, adjoining to a larger Tract, which he holds in Fee Simple, and that it will be of great Advantage to him to dock the Intail of the ſaid Four Hundred Acres of Land, and, in Lieu thereof, to ſettle other Fee Simple Lands, of equal Value, adjoining ſome intailed Lands which he holds in *Bermuda Hundred*, in *Cheſterfield* County, as he is about ſelling his Lands in *Henrico* County, to pay off his Father's Legacies; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Blair* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain Lands in *David Meade*, in Fee Simple, whereof the ſaid *David* and *Sarah* his Wife are ſeized in Right of the ſaid *Sarah*, in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands, in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then

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[1] Hening, III, p. 236. [2] Ibid. IV, p. 475.

a ſecond Time, one by one, and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dale*, in the County of *Chefterfield*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, ſetting forth, that the ſaid Pariſh is of equal Extent with the County, and hath four Churches in it, and that there are more than Three Thouſand Tithables in it; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided into two Pariſhes, by a Line beginning at the Mouth of *Falling Creek*, and running thence up the ſaid Creek to Col. *Cary's* Mill Dam, thence along the Road leading from Col. *Cary's* Forge, to the Bridge over *Swift* Creek, near the Court-Houſe, and thence along the ſaid Road to the Mouth of *Winterpock* Creek, at its Confluence with *Appomattox* River; or by any other Line which the Houſe ſhall think juſt and equitable; *And alſo*

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dale*, in the County of *Chefterfield*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, taking Notice of the Petition intended to be preſented to the Houſe for a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh; and ſetting forth that it is yet unneceſſary to divide the ſaid Pariſh; that ſuch a Diviſion will be attended with very great Expence; and that by a Regulation intended by the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, the Churches therein will be rendered convenient to the Congregations; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may not be divided;

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue and amend an Act intituled *An Act*[1] *for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickſburg; and that M[r] *Grymes* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, living on the two Mill Creeks, *North* Fork, *South* Fork, and South Branch of *Potowmack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners reſide much further from the Court-Houſe of their own County, than from that of *Hampſhire*, and in travelling to the former muſt go through a more mountainous Country, and in a worſe Road than to the other, and croſs ſeveral Rivers; and therefore praying, that the aforeſaid Part of the County of *Auguſta*, may be added to the County of *Hampſhire*.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe. 201

M[r] *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Enoch Fowler*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds, for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of Six Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, in Conſideration of the Hardſhips he ſuffered in the Service, and of his being thereby rendered incapable of getting a Subſiſtence for himſelf and Family.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Davis* late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment be rejected.

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[1] Hening, V, p. 82.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Knibb* and *Thomas Stratton*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Bermuda Hundred* Warehouſe, in *Cheſterfield* County, to be reimburſed for Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds and Seventeen Shillings for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Martin Shearman* and *Robert Mitchell*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Deep Creek* Warehouſe, in *Lancaſter* County, as relates to the Three Thouſand and Fifteen Pounds of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, in the Year 1759, and for which they have paid at the Rate of Forty Shillings *per Cent.* is reaſonable; and that they ought to be reimburſed the Sum of Sixty Pounds and Six Shillings for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as relates to the Nineteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe in the Year 1762, be rejected, for want of ſufficient Proof.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Luke Luker* and *John Walton*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Pungoteague* Warehouſe, in *Accomack* County, to be reimburſed for a Hogſhead of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, be rejected, for want of ſufficient Proof.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, and Mr *Blair*.

Ordered, That Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Norfolk*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Sevenight.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* next.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, complaining of ſundry illegal and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Veſtry have, with Honour, fully acquitted themſelves of every Article of Charge contained in the ſaid Petition.

202 *Reſolved*, Therefore, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do ſtate an Account of the Expences of the Travelling and Attendance of the Witneſſes, who were examined as well before the ſaid Committee touching the ſaid Petition, as before the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom a like Petition in the Year 1767, was referred, and report the ſame, with their Opinion how the ſaid Expences ought to be defrayed, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better regulating the Election of Veſtries; and that Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Richard Lee* and Mr *Stark*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

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Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, was referred, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petitions be heard before the Committee on *Saturday* the Sixteenth Inſtant.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Veſtry be ſerved with copies of the ſaid Petitions, and have ſix Days previous Notice of the Time when the ſaid Petitions are to be heard, before the Committee.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the certified Petition of *John Scott*, of *Lunenburg* County, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It *appears* to your Committee, by the Depoſitions of ſundry Witneſſes, that ſome Time in the Month of *December* 1766, *Jack*, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, was one day employed under one *William Chandler*, who was Surveyor of a Public Road, in cutting and levelling the Banks of *Meherrin* River; that the ſaid Slave was ſeen ſome Time in the Night, in Company with other Negroes, at the Place where they had been at work that Day, in good Health; and that he was found the next Morning lying dead in the ſaid River, and (as was ſuppoſed) was drowned.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Cargill* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *Wade's* Ferry, from the County of *Charlotte*, over *Roanoke* River, to the County of *Halifax*, is, by the Death of the Proprietor, become uſeleſs to the Public, and the Executors of the ſaid Decedent are reſolved not to keep up the ſaid Ferry, and are willing that the ſame may be moved; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the Petitioner's Land, in the ſaid County of *Charlotte*, croſſing the ſaid River, to the Land of *John Fouſhee*, deceaſed, in the ſaid County of Halifax.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee 203
of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the 4th Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances:* And alſo one other Act made in the 10th Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled *An Act*[2] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply votes at ſuch Elections.*

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

Monday

[1] Hening, III, p. 236. [2] Ibid, IV, p. 575.

Monday, the 4th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

THE Houſe being informed by Mr *Bland*, that the Petition of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying that this Houſe will addreſs the *Governor*, that his Excellency will order the Court of the ſaid County of *Spotſylvania*, to be held at the moſt convenient Place, near the Center thereof, and alſo praying that ſome Mode may be adopted for determining Law Suits with more Expedition and leſs Expence, referred upon *Friday* laſt to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, was not ſigned;

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be withdrawn.

And the ſaid *Petition* was withdrawn accordingly.

Mr *Grymes* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickſburg; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter, Veſtry, and others, Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Pariſh is very extenſive, and inconvenient to the People who reſide in the upper Parts thereof; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided in the Manner and upon the Terms mentioned in a Scheme to the ſaid Petition annexed.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Nathan Chapman* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth,
204 that at the Battle of the *Meadows*, the Petitioner, then in the Service of this Country received a wound in his Hip, which has hindered him from labouring to maintain himſelf; and therefore praying the Houſe to take his Caſe into Conſideration, and make him ſuch Allowance as they ſhall think proper.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the better regulating the Election of Veſtries, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*.

Mr *Mercer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Several Members, returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Seats in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved

[1] Hening, V, p. 82.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, Merchants, and others, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and the adjacent Counties, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing may be diſcontinued, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, and Houſekeepers, Inhabitants of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, praying that the ſaid Inſpection may be continued, is reaſonable, provided the Proprietor of the ſaid Warehouſes will rebuild the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Sumner*, praying that a certain yearly Rent may hereafter be paid by the Public, for *Conſtance's* Warehouſe in the County of *Nanſemond*, in Lieu of eight Pence *per* Hogſhead, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Spotſylvania* County, praying that an Amendment be made to the Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, is reaſonable.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

And the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, Merchants, and others of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and the adjacent Counties, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing may be diſcontinued, is reaſonable.

The *ſecond* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, and Houſekeepers, Inhabitants, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing may be continued, be rejected.

The ſubſequent *Reſolutions* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe. 206

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for diſcontinuing the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the *fourth* Reſolution of the Committee, and which hath been agreed to by the Houſe, and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That M[r] *Grymes* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, until *Wedneſday* Sevenight.

The *Order* of the Day being read:

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

M[r] *Bland* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill to make proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Tuesday, the 5th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of *John Henry* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner hath, at great Expence and Trouble, perfected a Map of this Colony, wherein the Bounds of the ſeveral Counties, the Water-Courſes, Rivers, and other remarkable Places, are diſtinguiſhed, and marked out, by Means whereof he conceives that very conſiderable Advantages may be derived to the Public; and therefore praying that the ſame may be taken into Conſideration by the Houſe, and that ſo uſeful a Work may be encouraged, by allowing to him ſuch a Sum of Money as may ſeem reaſonable for reimburſing his Expence aforeſaid.

And a *Motion* being made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *King William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Walkerton* and *Waller's* is very convenient to the Petitioners, and not greatly expenſive to the Public; and therefore praying that the ſaid Inſpection may be continued, and a Propoſal, they are informed, will be made to the contrary, diſagreed to.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Dudley Digges*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees, for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had di- 206
rected him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Claim* of *Samuel Bouſh*, Treaſurer of *Norfolk* County, for ſundry Sums of Money advanced, by Order of the Juſtices of peace of the ſaid County, to *James Patrick*, *Robert Atken*, and *William Honeycomb*, Mariners, detained in the County as Witneſſes for the Crown against *David Ferguſon*, Mariner, late Maſter of the *Snow Betſey*, who is now in the Public Gaol, accuſed of having murdered ſome of the *Snow's* Crew upon the High Seas, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, that *Benjamin Grymes* deſired Leave to withdraw the Petition on Behalf of himſelf and others, of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying that an Election of Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, made in Conſequence of an Act of this preſent General Aſſembly, may yet be ſet aſide, referred upon *Friday* laſt to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Benjamin Grymes* have Leave to withdraw the ſaid Petition.

And the ſaid *Petition* was withdrawn accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint Notaries Public; and that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Mercer* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Mercer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for reimburſing the Country

Country the Expence incurred by the Profecution of Mr Walter *Coles's* Accuſation againſt Mr *Nathaniel Terry;* the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the Pariſh of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nanſemond*, on the Eaſt Side of the River, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that ſome of the Petitioners were prevailed with by the Inſinuations of the Miniſter of the ſaid Pariſh, and his Adherents, to ſign a Petition formally preſented to this Houſe, and referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, for dividing the ſaid Pariſh, or diſſolving the Veſtry thereof, and repealing ſo much of an Act of General Aſſembly, eſtabliſhing a free Ferry over *Nanſemond* River, as relates to all the Pariſhioners, except the Miniſter, and that the Petitioners have ſince found moſt of the Complaints againſt the ſaid Veſtry to be groundleſs, and the others of little Conſequence, and believe the free Ferry over the ſaid River to be a Grievance to the People; and therefore praying that the Act of General Aſſembly, 207
eſtabliſhing the ſaid free Ferry, may be wholly repealed, and that the ſaid former Petition may be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for diſcontinuing the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Guilford*, in the County of *Accomack*, and eſtabliſhing an Inſpection at *Finley's Point*, on *Hunting Creek*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for eſtabliſhing another Inſpection of Tobacco on the Lots of *Robert Bolling*, which he lately purchaſed of *Patrick Ramſay*, in the Town of *Blandford*.

Ordered, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *King William*, for continuing the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Walkerton* and *Waller's*, this Day preſented to the Houſe, and ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act*[2] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[3] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 69 2 Ibid, III, p. 236. 3 Ibid, IV, p. 475.

Wednesday, the 6th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of the Hon. *John Tayloe*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner's Negro Man Slave named *Toby*, who, on the 19th Day of *January* laſt, was convicted of Hog-ſtealing by *King George* County
248 Court, and whipped and pilloried, by the Inclemency of the Weather, whilſt he remained in Gaol, before his Trial, was ſo ſeverely Froſt-bitten, that he died by Means thereof; and therefore praying the Houſe to make the Petitioner ſuch Allowance for the ſaid Slave as may ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *James Ford*, late a Soldier in the Service of the Colony, under the Command of Col. *George Waſhington*, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of Five Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, in Conſideration of the Wound he received at the Battle of the *Meadows*, and of his being thereby rendered incapable of getting a neceſſary Subſiſtence.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Nathan Chapman*, late A Soldier in the Service of the Colony, under the Command of Col. *George Waſhington*, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of Five Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, in Conſideration of the Wound he received at the Battle of the *Meadows*, and of his being thereby rendered incapable of getting a neceſſary Subſiſtence.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Ballantine*, to be paid for transporting Forty-four Recruits from *Mattox* to *Alexandria*, on *Potowmack* River, and furniſhing Proviſions for them, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 18 *l.* 10 *s.* for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Nicholas Alley* to be paid for Proviſions furniſhed the Militia of *Prince Edward* County, in the Year 1757, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed 3 *l.* 9 *s.* 9 *d*½., for the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until this Day Sevenight.

An engroſſed *Bill* for altering the Court Day of *Middleſex* County, was read a third time.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper* is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for altering the Court Day of the County of *Middleſex* to the fourth *Monday* in every Month.

A *Petition* of *Jeſſe Ewell*, Proprietor of the public Warehouſes for Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that by Order of the ſaid County Court, at ſeveral Times, four Houſes have been directed to be built at the ſaid Inſpection, the Expence whereof, and of keeping them in Repair, the Rents allowed by Law are not ſufficient to defray,

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and make the Proprietor a reaſonable Satiſfaction for his Land; and therefore praying to be relieved, and that the Rents of the ſaid warehouſes may be raised to One Shilling *per* Hogſhead.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper* is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for altering the Court Day of the County of *Spotſylvania* to the third *Thurſday* in every Month.

A *Bill* to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickſburg, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

A *Claim* of *Joſhua Powell*, for his Pay as an Enſign, under the Command of Capt. *John Dickerſon*, at a Fort on *Smith's* River, and as a Carpenter, under the Command of Capt. *Joſeph Terry*, at the Building of *Black Water* Fort, in the Year 1759, was preſented to the Houſe. and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *George Boyd*, for Work done on Fort *Mayo*, under the Command of Capt. *Samuel Harris*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who are appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts do examine the Account of *Jacob Hite*, of public Tobacco levied in the County of *Frederick*, in the Year 1765, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *Joſeph Kidd*, for gilding and painting the Weathercock, and Dial Plates and Hands of the *Capitol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Aylett*, Proprietor of the Tobacco Warehouſes called *Aylett's*, on *Mattapony* River, in the County of *King William*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Storage for Tobacco of Eight Pence per Hogſhead is not ſufficient to reimburſe the Expences of building and repairing the Warehouſes, with Intereſt; and therefore praying that the Rate of Storage may be increaſed, or elſe that the Petitioner may deliver up his ſaid Warehouſes to the Public, and that the Value thereof may be paid to him.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed.

Mr *Dixon* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, whereof *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentlemen, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

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[1] Hening, V. p. 82. [2] Ibid, VIII. p. 69.

Mr *Richard Baker* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice in the County Courts; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Carrington*, and Mr *Richard Baker*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Eſſex*, *King & Queen*, and *Caroline*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Place called *Southern's* or *Layton's*, on *Rappahannock* River, in the ſaid County of *Eſſex*, is commodious for a Town, and convenient to Trade; and therefore praying that a Town may be eſtabliſhed at the Place aforeſaid, on the Land of *Thomas Ley*, who is conſenting thereto, under the ſame Regulations, and with the like Immunities as other Towns.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevenight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Chaplain to this Houſe do attend to read Prayers in the Houſe, every Morning at Seven of the Clock.

Ordered, That a Meſſage to ſent to the Council, to acquaint them that the Chaplain will attend to read Prayers in the Houſe, every Morning at Seven of the Clock.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further
211 of the Bill, to continue and amend the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a further progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr *Roane*, returned upon a new Writ, be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, and of Public Claims.

A *Petition* of *John Wormerly* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that he is ſeized, in Fee Tail, of about Six Hundred Acres of Land, lying in the Pariſh of *Yorkhampton*, in the County of *York*, under the Will of his Mother *Elizabeth Wormeley* deceaſed, which it would be greatly for the Advantage of his Family if he was allowed to ſell; and that *William Tayloe*, late of the County of *Lancaſter*, Gentleman, deceaſed, had deviſed Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the ſaid County of *Lancaſter*, to *William Digges*, Gentleman, who had married the Petitioner's Daughter, for Payment of a Debt, and the Petitioner having undertaken to pay the ſaid Debt, the ſaid *William Digges*, for that Conſideration, had agreed to convey the ſaid Land in *Lancaſter* to the Petitioner and

[1] Hening, VIII. p. 351.

and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in the County of *York*, and to ſettle the ſaid Land in the County of *Lancaſter*, in Lieu thereof.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Dudley Digges* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Pariſh, in the County of *Nanſemond*, on the Eaſt Side of the River, as prays that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, as relates to the ſaid Diviſion, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, ſetting forth, that the Veſtry and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh had miſmanaged and miſapplied certain charitable Donations given to the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Veſtry have with Honour fully acquitted themſelves of every Article of Charge contained in the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, therefore, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition, in Oppoſition thereto, as prays that the ſaid Veſtry may not be diſſolved, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that the Act of Aſſembly for eſtabliſhing a free Ferry over *Nanſemond* River, may be repealed, ſo far as it relates to all the Pariſhioners, except the Miniſter, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, in Oppoſition thereto, as prays that the ſaid Act of Aſſembly may be wholly repealed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Hungars* Pariſh, in the County of *Northampton*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion 212
ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe, upon *Monday* the thirteenth Day of *November* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſixth Reſolution of the Committee for Religion, which hath been this day agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better regulating the Election of Veſtries, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the eighth Reſolution of the Committee, for Religion, which hath been this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee for Religion to ſtate an Account of the Expences of traveling and Attendance of the Witneſſes who were examined before the ſaid Committee touching the Matters ſet forth and complained of in the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Pariſh, in the County of *Nanſemond*, on the Eaſt Side of the River, and report the ſame, with the Opinion of the ſaid Committee, who ought to be charged with the ſaid Expences, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday, the 7th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Saunders* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1759, the Petitioner's Son, with ſeveral other young Men in the ſame Neighborhood, enliſted in the Service of the Country, and the petitioner let them have an Horſe, worth Ten Pounds, to carry their Luggage, on being promiſed the ſaid Horſe ſhould be ſent back from *Winchester;* but that the ſaid Horſe was not returned, having been loſt, as the Petitioner believes, with his ſaid Son in the Service; and that the Petitioner would have applied before for Reparation of his Loſs, but he was informed ſuch Claims were not allowed, which Information he now underſtands not to have been true; and therefore praying the Houſe to make him Satiſfaction for his ſaid Horſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Charles Lewis*, Gentleman, is ſeized, in *John Lewis*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof* Charles Lewis, *Gentleman, is ſeized, in* John Lewis, *Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

218 The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A *Petition* of *John Armiſtead* and *William Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that their late Father *William Armiſtead*, Eſq; by his Will deviſed all his Lands in the Counties of *Glouceſter* and *Middleſex*, and Seventy Slaves to the ſaid Petitioner *William*, and the Heirs of his Body, and Six Thouſand Acres of Land in the County of *Prince William*, with ſeveral Slaves thereon, to the ſaid Petitioner *John*, and the Heirs of his Body; that the Petitioners coming to full Age could not take Poſſeſſion of their Eſtates, before they engaged to pay about Seventeen Hundred Pounds each, for their Proportions of large Debts due from their ſaid Father; that they have no Means to pay the ſaid Money, without ſelling their Slaves, whereby their Lands would be unprofitable, and they would be unable to make Proviſion for their younger Children; and that they conceive it will be for the Advantage of their reſpective Families, by ſelling Part of their intailed Lands for Payment of their Proportions of the ſaid Debts, to preſerve their Slaves; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs, to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty Acres of Land, whereof the Petitioner, *William*, is ſeized, in the County of *Middleſex*, and of Two Thouſand Acres, Part of the ſaid Land deviſed to the petitioner *John*, in the County of *Prince William*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that M[r] *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over upon *Wedneſday* next.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Loudoun*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of the Petition preſented to the Houſe for dividing the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the ſaid County; and ſetting forth, that ſuch a Diviſion is unneceſſary and would be grevious, and burthenſome

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 478. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 69.

enſome, and that the terms propoſed by the ſaid Petition are unequal and unjuſt; and therefore praying that the ſaid Diviſion may not take Place.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in *George Brooke*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Poythreſs* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* next.

A *Petition* of *David Barton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner having diſcovered a Remedy for Cancers is willing to Communicate it to the Public; and therefore praying the House to grant him an adequate Reward.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report 211
the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Baker* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Saturday* Sevenight.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Samuel Meredith* is ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof *John Page*, Eſq; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof* John Page, *Eſq; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Eſkridge* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevenight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do not inſiſt upon the Amendment made by them to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to *Thurmond's* in the County of *Albemarle; to which the Houſe have diſagreed: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to amend an Act paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for reimburſing the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River: *And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] to explain and amend an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled An Act to divide the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to dock the intail of Four Thouſand Acres of Land, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is ſeized in Fee

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1 Hening, VIII. p. 445. 2 Not recorded as a law. 3 Hening, VIII, p. 407.
4 Ibid, VIII, p. 428. 5 Ibid, VIII, p. 481.

Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, *for certain purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *William Armiſtead* and *John Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their Father; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And engroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands and Slaves, therein mentioned, in *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to settle other Lands in Lieu thereof, was read the third Time.

215 *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to veſt certain intailed Lands and Slaves therein mentioned, in* Nathaniel Littleton Savage, *Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to ſettle other Lands in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower certain Truſtees to leaſe the Lands of the *Pamunkey Indians*, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to deſire they will expedite the Paſſage of a Bill, intituled *An Act*[2] *to dock the intail of certain Lands, whereof* Daniel M'Carty *is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Waſhington* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the City of *Williamſburg* to *James City* County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table;

And the Houſe being informed, that ſome other Amendments are neceſſary to be made to the ſaid Bill,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to the Committee, to whom the ſame was committed.

Mr *Richard Baker* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the intail of certain Lands, whereof *Robert Burwell*, Eſq; is ſeized in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain Lands, whereof *Bernard Moore*, Eſq; is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to veſt certain Lands whereof* Bernard Moore, *Eſq; is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 468. [2] Not recorded as a law. [3] Hening, VII, p. 476.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire 216
their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 8th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, was re-committed, that the Committee had made another Amendment to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were read.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council's Anſwer to the Meſſage of your Houſe to expedite the Paſſage of a Bill, intituled An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, *is (without taking Notice of the Novelty and unuſual Terms of ſuch a Meſſage) that they have exerciſed that Right which the Conſtitution has veſted in them of rejecting the ſaid Bill, and it is accordingly rejected.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Then the *Amendments* made by the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to the Bill for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, were ſeverally read a ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper* was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, Upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Newton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Friday* next.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to veſt certain Lands, whereof *Bernard Moore*, Eſq; is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, *without any Amendment; And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] to veſt certain intailed Lands, 217
whereof *Charles Lewis*, Gentleman, is ſeized in *John Lewis*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes, *without any Amendment*; *And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to veſt certain intailed Lands and

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 476. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 478. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 468.

and Slaves, therein mentioned, in *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to ſettle other Lands, in Lieu thereof, *without any Amendment.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the 4th Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act made in the 10th Year of the Reign of King *George II.* intituled *An Act*[2] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to Vote in the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in Order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, ſeveral of them were diſagreed to, and the reſt were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 9th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

AN ingroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain Lands in *David Meade*, in Fee Simple, whereof the ſaid *David* and *Sarah* his wife are ſeized, in Right of the ſaid *Sarah*, in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands, in Lieu thereof, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to veſt certain Lands in* David Meade, *in Fee Simple, whereof the ſaid* David *and* Sarah, *his Wife are ſeized, in Right of the ſaid* Sarah, *in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands, in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Blair* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

213 Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *Charles Carter*, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 7. Leave out '*containing Two Thouſand Acres, under the Deſcription of*' and inſert '*being*' inſtead thereof.

Line 9. After '*Creek*' inſert '*which Moiety or half Part is to be divided and laid off, according to the Direction of the Will of the ſaid* Robert Carter."

Line 19. Leave out '*one fourth Part of.*'

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[1] Hening, III, p. 236. [2] Ibid, IV, p. 475. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 470. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 464.

Line 20, 21. Leave out '*of Twenty Thouſand Acres, then in* Prince William, *but now in the Pariſh of* Cameron, *and the County of* Loudoun, *commonly called and known by the Name of the Mine-Tract.*'

Line 30. Leave out '*Loudoun.*'

Line 51. Leave out '*Loudoun.*'

Line 61. Leave out '*Loudoun.*'

Line 70. Leave out '*Loudoun.*'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees, for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of* Brunſwick, *whereof* Armiſtead Lightfoot *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees, to be ſold, for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Stark* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Sevenight.

A *Petition* of *John Doncaſtle* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner long ſince paid Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds and Eighteen Shillings, for the Hire of Two Waggons, employed 226 Days, in the Service of this Colony, for which he never received Satiſfaction, having been prevented from an earlier Application to the Houſe; and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to amend an Act, intituled An Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled, an Act, to amend an Act, intituled an Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine.*

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concur- 219
rence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, whereof *Sarah* the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Sarah *the Wife of* John Rootes, *Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Dixon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of ſundry Inhabitants

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 457. [2] Ibid, VIII. p. 351. [3] Ibid, VIII. p. 366. [4] Ibid, VIII. p. 483

habitants of the Parish of *Dale*, in the County of *Chesterfield*, praying a Division of the said Parish into two distinct Parishes, be rejected.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of sundry Inhabitants of the said Parish, in Opposition thereto, praying that the said Parish may not be divided, is reasonable.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying a Division of the said Parish, into three separate and distinct Parishes, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the last of the said Resolutions; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Vestry of *Bristol* Parish, in the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Prince George*, to sell their Glebe: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Augusta* County, praying that Part of the said County of *Augusta* may be added to the County of *Hampshire* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the said petition, and come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition is reasonable.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Resolution; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Eyre* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill for encouraging the making of Hemp was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

Mr *Eyre*, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for the Inspection of Hemp: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for establishing a Town at *Rocky Ridge*, in the County of *Chesterfield*, and for adding certain Lots to the town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico:* And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Tappahannock*, in the County of *Essex*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that Wooden Chimnies in the said Town are dangerous; and therefore, praying that an Act may pass for demolishing Wooden Chimnies already built in the said Town, and prohibiting the building of others therein for the future.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *James Roscow*, Gentleman, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the petitioner is seized in Fee Tail, under the Wills of his Ancestors, of about Two Thousand and Two Hundred Acres of Land, in two Tracts, called *Blunt Point* and *Stanley Hundred*, and is seized of the Reversion of the said Lands in Fee, expectant upon his dying without Issue; and that he is considerably indebted, and now

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under Confinement, from which he cannot diſcharge himſelf without diſpoſing of his Intereſt in the ſaid Lands (All the property he hath left) which muſt be ſold for leſs than the Value, by Reaſon of the Poſſibility of his having Iſſue; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill* to impower certain Truſtees to leaſe the Lands of the *Pamunkey Indians*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to appoint Truſtees in the Room of thoſe who are dead, for the* Pamunkey *Indians, and with further Power to hear and determine Controverſies among them.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Richard Johnſon*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner formerly ſold and conveyed One Thouſand Acres of Land, or thereabouts, in the County of *King & Queen*, and One Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *King William*, whereof he was ſeized, by the Will of his Father, in Fee Tail, to *John Robinſon*, Eſq; deceaſed, and is willing to confirm the Title of the ſaid Lands to the Perſons who afterwards purchaſed the ſame from the ſaid *John Robinſon;* and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands, and to ſettle to the ſame Uſes Four Hundred Acres of Land in the County of *Louiſa*, with Slaves thereunto annexed, which the Petitioner had conveyed to the ſaid *John Robinſon*, as a Counter Security for the Warranty of the Title of the other Lands ſold to him. 221

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid petition; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies, and Reſtraint of Vagrants, and for making Proviſion for the Poor*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the 4th Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act*[3] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act made in the 10th Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled *An Act*[4] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to Vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections*, was read the third Time.

The *Amendments* following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill, *viz.*

Sheet 1, Line 76. To leave out '*may*' and inſert '*ſhall*' inſtead thereof.

Sheet 2, Line 70. After '*elected*' to leave out '*or for being elected.*'

Sheet 2, Line 85. After '*Day*' to inſert '*beſides Ferriages.*'

Sheet 2, Line 97. After '*returning*' to leave out '*and,*' and inſert '*to*' inſtead thereof.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for declaring their Privileges and Allowances, and for fixing the Rights of Electors.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 433. 2 Ibid, VI. p. 29. 3 Ibid, III. p. 236. 4 Ibid, IV. p. 475.
5 Ibid, VIII. p. 305.

Ordered, That Mr *Burton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a week.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* next.

A *Bill* to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed;

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order which was made upon *Wedneſday* laſt, that it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better regulating the Election of Veſtries, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the eighth Reſolution of the Committee for Religion, which had been that Day agreed to by the Houſe, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Mercer*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 11th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Petition* of *Rachel Spencer* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Years One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Two, the petitioner furniſhed Diet, Liquors, and Lodging, for divers Recruits raiſed for the Regiments in the Service of this Colony, for which she had not received any Satiſfaction; and therefore praying that the Juſtice of her Claim may be inquired into, and ſuch Allowance made to her as the Houſe ſhall think reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are deprived of the Benefit they formerly enjoyed from a plentiful Supply of Fiſh, the Paſſage of them being obſtructed by Mill Dams without Slopes, or with ſuch as are inſufficient; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs directing Slopes to be made in Mill Dams, and impowering certain Perſons to preſcribe the Manner of making the ſaid Slopes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants on *Gooſe* Creek, in the County of *Bedford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that one *Jeremiah Early* hath lately erected a Mill at the Mouth of the ſaid *Creek*, and thereby interrupting the Paſſage of Fiſh, deprived the Petitioners of that Means of ſupporting

porting their Families and therefore praying that the ſaid *Early* may be compelled to open a Gate in his Mill Dam for admitting Fiſh to paſs during the proper Seaſon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made upon *Monday* laſt, that it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better regulating the Election of Veſtries, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill purſuant to the eighth Reſolution of the Committee for Religion, which upon *Wedneſday* laſt, was agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*.

Ordered, That M^r *Jones* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

An engroſſed *Bill*, for encouraging the making Hemp, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for encouraging the making Hemp.*

Ordered, That M^r Bland do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, for altering the Court Day of the County of *Culpeper*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for altering the Court Days of ſeveral Counties therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That M^r *Henry Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *William* and *John Armiſtead*, Gentlemen are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their Father, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Edmund Pendleton*, M^r *Taliaferro*, M^r *Whiting*, M^r *Lewis Burwell*, of *Glouceſter*, M^r *Henry Lee*, M^r *Tebbs*, M^r *Marſhall*, and M^r *Scott*.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Robert Burwell*, Eſq; is ſeized, in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Richard Baker*, M^r *Bridger*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Surry*, *Prince William*, *Loudoun* and *Fauquier*.

A *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Samuel Meredith*, is ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Edmund Pendleton*, M^r *Whiting*, M^r *Lewis Burwell*, of *Glouceſter*, M^r *Lyne*, M^r *John Tayloe Corbin*, M^r *Gawin Corbin*, and M^r *Philip Ludwell Grymes*.

A *Bill* for adding Part of the City of *Williamſburg* to *James City* County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time. 224

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Blair*, M^r *Treaſurer*, and M^r *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*.

A *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *George Brooke*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Lyne*, M^r *John Tayloe Corbin*, M^r *Braxton*, M^r *Moore*, M^r *Edmund Pendleton*, and M^r *Taliaferro*.

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 363. [2] Ibid, VIII. p, 400.

A *Bill* for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs and their Deputies, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Treaſurer*.

A *Bill* to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Jefferſon*, and Mr *Thomas Walker*.

A *Bill* for the Inſpection of Hemp, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 12th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Claim* of *Thomas Claiborne* for the Ferriages of an Adjutant, and of ſeveral Sheriffs with Criminals, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Earle*, late of the County of *Frederick*, but now of the Province of *South Carolina*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that upon its being ſignified to the petitioner, that a Number of Volunteers from the Colony of *Virginia*, were deſired to join Brigadier General *Bouquet*, in his Expedition againſt the *Indian* Towns, in the Year 1764, the Petitioner did, at very conſiderable Expence, and with much trouble, enliſt Twenty-ſix Men, who ſerved under him during the Campaign, and until the Peace with the *Indians;* and that the Petitioner, ſoon after the Campaign, having removed to *Carolina*, was not included among the Volunteer Officers, whoſe Petition was formerly preferred to the Houſe and conſidered; and therefore praying the Houſe to take his Caſe into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Petition* be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

225 Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *William Edwards* and *James Price*, Inſpectors at *Gray's* Creek Warehouſe, in the County of *Surry*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1763, the ſaid Warehouſe was broke open, and a Hogſhead of Tobacco, the Property of the ſaid *William Edwards*, ſtolen thereout; and that in *May* laſt, Four Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds of Tobacco were taken out of a prized Hogſhead and carried away; and therefore praying that ſuch Allowance may be made to the Petitioners as ſhall be thought reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *Joſhua Kendall* for Services done in ornamenting the Capitol Gates, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they report their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Hancock*, and *Margaret* his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid *John* is ſeized, in Fee Tail, of Three Hundred Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of *Dettingen*, and County of *Prince William*, called the *Deep Hole* Tract, and is ſeized in Fee Simple, in Right of his ſaid Wife, of Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *Amherſt;* and that it will be greatly to the Advantage of their Iſſue, and more to the Advantage of the Wife, who is conſenting thereto, if the ſaid Eight Hundred Acres of Land, with Slaves, are ſettled, in Lieu of the ſaid Three Hundred Acres; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Claim* of *John Hickman* for the Ferriages of certain Criminals was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Corrie* and *Ewin Clements* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Ferries over *Rappahannock* River, called *Ruſt's* and *Lowry's*, are now little uſed, ſince the Eſtabliſhment of a more convenient Ferry, in the Neighborhood of them, from the Town of *Tappahannock*, in the County of *Eſſex*, to the Land of *Moore Fauntleroy*, in the County of *Richmond*, and are detrimental to the Petitioners, who have intermarried with the Proprietors of the ſaid *Ruſt's* and *Lowry's* Ferries; and therefore praying relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *William Rind*, Printer, for printing Paper Bills for Ten Thouſand Pounds and binding Fifty Books thereof, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of 226
Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Mitchell*, of the Province of *Maryland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner having been robbed of Seventy Pounds current Money of *Pennſylvania*, by two Perſons in Diſguiſe, with great Difficulty and Expence diſcovered the Criminals, and cauſed them to be apprehended, attempted to retake one of them who eſcaped, and proſecuted the other; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe whether the petitioner ought not to be indemnified for his Trouble and Expence in endeavoring to bring ſuch daring Villians to condign Puniſhment, and to receive Reparation for his Loſs from the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do ſtate an Account of the Diſburſements of *Thomas Walker*, *Thomas Rutherford*, *James Wood*, and *Abraham Hite*, Gentlemen, Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony, to Fort* Pitt *on the* Ohio, in Execution of the ſaid Act, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *David Ker*, Clerk of the Court of the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that Fifty-ſix Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny, having been levied by an Execution and brought into the ſaid Court, the Petitioner was, by Order of the ſaid Court, directed to keep the ſame till a certain Diſpute between ſeveral Claimants thereof, ſhould be determined; that the petitioner ſealed up the ſaid Money, which, except the Pence, conſiſted of Treaſury Notes, and delivered it to his Deputy *James Gregory*, living in *Urbanna*, near the Court-Houſe, and the Clerk's Office, that it might be ready to be diſtributed as the ſaid Court

ſhould

ſhould appoint; and that before the ſaid Diſpute was determined, or any other Order made for the Diſpoſition of the ſaid Money, the Houſe of the ſaid *James Gregory* was burned down, and the ſaid Notes therein conſumed; and further ſetting forth, that the Sum of Fourteen Pounds Five Shillings and Six Pence, conſiſting likewiſe of Treaſury Notes, and received by the ſaid *James Gregory*, partly for the Petitioner's Fees, and partly for Fees on Marriage and Ordinary Licences, was, at the ſame Time, and by the ſame unfortunate Accident, deſtroyed; and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe; and that the Treaſurer may be directed and impowered to pay the ſaid ſeveral Sums of Money to the Petitioner.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Ezekiel Young* and *Joſeph Feddeman*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Guilford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, beſides their own Labour, were put to conſiderable Expence, in picking and repacking the Tobacco damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe by the Storm in *September* laſt, being obliged
27 for that Purpoſe to employ ſeveral Perſons on Wages, whereby they ſaved Forty-three Hogſheads of the ſaid Tobacco for the Public; and therefore praying that a reaſonable Satiſfaction may be made to the Petitioners for their ſaid Services and Expences.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition*, of *Charles Neilſon*, Naval Officer of Port *Rappahannock*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Sum of Nine Pounds, received by the Petitioner's Deputy, *James Gregory*, for the Duty on Liquors, imported into the Diſtrict of *Rappahannock*, was by him depoſited in a Deſk to be paid into the Treaſury at the Time appointed by Act of General Aſſembly; and that the ſaid *James Gregory's* Houſe was afterwards burned down, and the ſaid Money, conſiſting of Treaſury Notes, therein conſumed; and therefore praying that the Petitioner may be allowed to charge the ſaid Sum of Nine Pounds in his Account with the Treaſurer.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved that an Act made in the 32d Year of the Reign of King *Charles* II. intituled *An Act*[1] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnitie, and Oblivion*, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal Part of the ſaid Act; and that M[r] *Eyre*, M[r] *Treaſurer*, and M[r] *Bland*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, was read the third Time.

The *Amendments* following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill, *viz.*

Line 25. To leave out '*immediately.*'

Line 26. Leave out '*Twelve and Two*' and inſert "*Two and Four*," inſtead thereof.

Line 60. After '*Churchwardens*' to inſert 'or *Collector.*'

At the End of the Bill to add, '*and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.*'

And the ſaid *Amendments* were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for better regulating the Collection of County and Pariſh Levies.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *William Rind* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Buſineſs of his Department, as Printer to the Public, is greatly increaſed in many

[1] Hening, II. p. 458. [2] Title varies--*See* Hening, VIII, p. 381.

many Particulars; and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, and that ſuch further Addition may be made to his Salary as they ſhall think juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *Briſtol* Pariſh, in the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Prince George*, to ſell their Glebe, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend the Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies, and Reſtraint of Vagrants, and for making Proviſion for the Poor.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevenight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Inſpection of Hemp.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 13th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighboring Colonies, to form and agree on a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Gawin Corbin*, and Mr *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, be added to the Gentlemen, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *William* and *John Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their Father, is committed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the County of *Auguſta* to the County of *Hampſhire;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Thomas Shepherd*, praying that the Act eſtabliſhing his Ferry, which was repealed, may be revived, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the Brick-Houſe Landing on *Waſhington's* Land, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, may be declared a Public Landing, and a Road opened from

from thence to the *Weſtmoreland* main Road; be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Daniel Cargill*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the ſaid *Cargill's* Land, in the County of *Charlotte*, over *Roanoke* River, to the Land of *John Fouſhee*, deceaſed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Halifax*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Richard Jones*, on the South Side of *Dan* River, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of the Reverend *Miles Selden*, on the North Side, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Charlotte* and *Halifax*, praying that the Ferry over *Staunton* River, at *Fuqua's*, may be removed to a Ford two Miles above the ſaid *Fuqua's*, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Corrie* and *Ewin Clements*, praying that the Ferries over *Rappahannock* River, eſtabliſhed at *Ruſt's* and *Lowry's*, may be diſcontinued, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Tappahannock*, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying that an Act may paſs, prohibiting the building of wooden Chimnies in the ſaid Town, and directing the Removal of ſuch as are already built, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Eſſex*, *King & Queen*, and *Caroline*, praying that a Town may be eſtabliſhed at a Place called *Southern's* or *Layton's*, on *Rappahannock* River, on the Land of *Thomas Ley*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Jeſſe Ewell*, Proprietor of the Warehouſes at *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, as prays that the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſe may be raiſed to One Shilling *per* Hogſhead, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which, upon *Monday*, the thirteenth Day of *November* laſt, was agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the third, fourth, and ſixth, of the ſaid Reſolutions, this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeventh and eighth of the ſaid Reſolutions, do lie upon the Table till the ſecond reading of the Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Rocky Ridge*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, and for adding certain Lots to the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ninth of the ſaid Reſolutions.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to Order a new Writ to be made out, for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Loudoun*, in the Room of Mr *James Hamilton*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted the Office of one of his Majeſty's Coroners of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Peyton* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for allowing Fairs to be kept in*

[1] Hening, IV. p. 247. [2] Ibid, V. p. 82.

in the Town of Frederickſburg, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for enlarging the ſaid Town of *Frederickſburg*.

The Houſe was moved, that a Copy of a Letter from Mr *Thomas Walker*, a Member of this Houſe, to *Saluy*, the Great Warrior of *Eſtatoe*, with an Affidavit thereunto annexed, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly,

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickſburg, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was, with an Amendment thereto, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a further Progreſs in the Matters referred to them; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

Ordered, That Mr *Paramore* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Saturday* Sevenight.

Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal Part of an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Innes* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *William* and *John Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their father, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till Tomorrow.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *George Brooke*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and

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[1] Hening, V. p. 82. [2] Ibid, II. p. 458. [3] Ibid, IV. p. 247.

and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Samuel Meredith* is ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 14th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Member, returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made upon *Monday*, the eighteenth Day of *December* laſt, that a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the Petition of *John Fox*, for laying off Sixty Acres of his Land in the County of *Glouceſter*, joining the Land whereon the Court-Houſe ſtands, in a Town, and that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Alexander* do prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

A *Bill* for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Rocky Ridge*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, and for adding certain Lots to the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for laying off Sixty Acres of the Land of *John Fox*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, joining the Land whereon the Court-Houſe ſtands, in a Town.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſeventh and eighth Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which were Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Hutchings* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, praying that an Act may paſs directing Slopes to be made in Mill Dams, and empowering certain Perſons to preſcribe the Method of making ſuch Slopes, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants on *Gooſe Creek*, in the County of *Bedford*, praying that *Jeremiah Early* may be compelled to open a Gate in his Mill Dam, at the Mouth of the ſaid Creek, for the Admiſſion of Fiſh, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Propoprietors of *Gingoteague* Iſland, in the County of *Accomack*, praying that an Act may paſs to reſtrain Hogs and Dogs going at Large in the ſaid Iſland, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the laſt of the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Farmer* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a further progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies, and Reſtraint of Vagrants, for making Proviſion for the Poor*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to amend the Act, intituled An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies, and Reſtraint of Vagrants, and for making Proviſion for the Poor.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickſburg, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for continuing and amending an Act, intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg *and* Richmond; *and for enlarging the Town of* Frederickſburg. 233

Ordered, That Mr *Dixon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Mind;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to impower the Veſtry of *Briſtol* Pariſh, in the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Prince George* to ſell their Glebe, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[6] *to impower the Veſtry of* Briſtol *Pariſh, in the Counties of* Dinwiddie *and* Prince George, *to ſell their Glebe.*

Ordered

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1 Hening, IV, p. 247. 2 Ibid, VI. p. 29. 3 Not recorded as a law, 4 Hening, V. p 82.
5 Hening, VIII, p. 418. 6 Ibid, VIII, p. 431.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrance.

A *Bill* for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Mercer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, ſeveral of them were diſagreed to, and the reſt were agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *George Brooke*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater value, in Lieu thereof, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in* George Brooke, *Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr Stith have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *William* and *John Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees; to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their Father, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to veſt certain intailed*
284 *Lands, whereof* William *and* John Armiſtead, *Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of the Debts due the Eſtate of their Father.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Samuel Meredith* is ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof* Samuel Meredith *is ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrance.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 15th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners, to meet with Commiſſioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighboring Colonies, to form and agree on a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the Treaſurer's Accounts

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 474. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 487. [3] Not recorded as a law.

Accounts of the ſeveral Sums of Money received into and iſſued from the Treaſury ſince the laſt Adjournment, and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame, as they appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

The *Committee* having carefully compared the ſaid Accounts with the proper Vouchers, find them all fairly and juſtly ſtated.

It *appears* to your Committee, that the Balance in the Treaſurer's Hands of Caſh received of the ſeveral Collectors for Taxes appropriated to the Redemption of the old Treaſury Notes, amounted to Ten Thouſand Three Hundred and Twenty-ſix Pounds Eleven Shillings, of which they have burnt and deſtroyed Seven Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds, and have left in the Treaſury, on that Account, in Specie, a Balance of Two Thouſand Five Hundred and Twenty-ſix Pounds Eleven Shillings to be exchanged for old Treaſury Notes.

They likewiſe find, that there is in the Treaſurer's Hands a Balance of Six Thouſand and Thirty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven pence due to the Account of the Public Treaſury, which with the other Balance the Treaſurer produced to them.

The ſaid *Report* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer's Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums of Forty Pounds Sterling, and Ten Pounds and Ten Shillings Sterling, be laid out by Mr *Treaſurer*, in purchaſing two Iron Cheſts for ſecuring the Public Money, in the Treaſury.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence. 235

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Hogs and Dogs running at Large on the Iſland of *Gingoteague:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Dudley Digges* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, to the ſame Uſes: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Baker* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Robert Burwell*, Eſq; is ſeized in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 386. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 356.

and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, one of them was agreed to, and the reſt were diſagreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *againſt ſtealing Hogs*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for encouraging the making of Wine: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr *Dixon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of the Seſſion.

Mr *Blair* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill for adding Part of the City of *Williamſburg* to *James City* County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Lynch* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony;

Ordered, That the ſecond Reſolution of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, which upon *Saturday* the Eleventh Day of *November* laſt, was reported to the Houſe, and poſtponed, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 121. [2] Ibid, IV, p. 247.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it may be extremely dangerous to the unhappy People who have ſettled beyond the Lines fixed on by the Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs, as the Limits between the *Cherokees* and this Colony, to delay any longer entering on a Negotiation for that more extenſive Boundary which his Majeſty has approved of; and that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, to deſire he would immediately take ſuch Steps as are neceſſary for entering upon a Treaty with the *Cherokees* for the Lands lying within a Line to be run from the Place where the *North Carolina* Line terminates, in a due Weſtern Direction, till it interſects *Holſtein* River, and from thence to the Mouth of the *Great Kanhawa;* and that he will be pleaſed, when a Ceſſion of thoſe Lands ſhall be obtained, to proceed to mark and eſtabliſh that Boundary.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, to deſire that he will immediately take ſuch Steps as are neceſſary for entering upon a Treaty with the *Cherokees*, for the Lands lying within a Line, to be run from the Place where the *North Carolina* Line terminates, in a due Weſtern Direction, till it interſects *Holſtein* River, and from thence to the Mouth of the *Great Kanhawa;* and that he will be pleaſed, when a Ceſſion of thoſe Lands ſhall be obtained, to proceed to mark and eſtabliſh that Boundary.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, by Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *Henry*.

Mr *Bland* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Preſent State of the Colony.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 16th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within this Colony; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Mercer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for better regulating the Election of Veſtries; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order, made upon *Friday*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* laſt, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice in this Colony, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

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The Houſe was moved, that the Order, made upon *Wedneſday*, the Sixth Day of this Inſtant *June*, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice in the County Courts, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Mr *Bland* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of Yeſterday, that the Governor
228 would immediately take ſuch Steps as are neceſſary for entering upon a Treaty with the *Cherokees*, for the Lands lying within a Line to be run from the Place, where the *North Carolina* Line Terminates, in a due Weſtern Direction, till it interſects *Holſtein* River, and from thence to the Mouth of the *Great Kanhawa;* and that he would be pleaſed when a Ceſſion of thoſe Lands ſhall be obtained, to proceed to mark and eſtabliſh that Boundary, had been preſented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint this Houſe, that he would as immediately as poſſible endeavor to do exactly what the Houſe deſired.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to repeal an Act made in the 22nd Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act concerning Strays;* and to eſtabliſh a more effectual method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *John Tayloe*, Eſq; to be allowed for his Negro Man Slave *Toby*, who was Froſt bitten in Gaol, and died, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Seventy Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Ezekiel Young* and *Joſeph Feddeman*, Inſpectors at *Guilford* Warehouſe, to be allowed for Picking the Tobacco damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe by the late Guſt, and reprizing Forty-four Hogſheads, and finding Nails, is reaſonable; and that the ſaid *Ezekiel Young*, who did the Services and furniſhed the Nails, ought to be allowed the Sum of Nine Pounds and Fifteen Shillings for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Earle* for an Allowance, as a Voluntier from this Colony, under Col. *Bouquet*, on an Expedition againſt the *Indian* Towns is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public, the Sum of Forty Pounds, as an acknowledgement of his Merit, and the extraordinary Service he rendered to this Colony, by his gallant Behaviour on the ſaid Expedition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Joſeph Mitchell* to be allowed by the Public, for a Sum of Money of which he was robbed by ſome Highwaymen, and for his Trouble and Expence in apprehending the Offenders, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Rachel Spencer*, to be allowed for Diet, Liquors, and Lodging, furniſhed divers Recruits raiſed for the *Virginia* Regiment, in the Years 1760 and 1762, be rejected; it appearing, that the Money for the Subſiſtence of the Recruits has been received by *James Gun* and *Reuben Vaſs*, the Officers who enliſted them.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

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Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Richard Johnſon*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *David Barton*, praying an adequate Reward for diſcovering a cure for Cancers, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Saint Anne's* Pariſh, in the County of *Albemarle*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, by a Line running with the Road from the old to the new Court-Houſe, is reaſonable.

The firſt *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Saint Anne's* Pariſh, in the County of *Albemarle*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, by a Line running with the Road, from the old to the new Court-Houſe, be rejected.

An engroſſed *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners, to meet with Commiſſioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the regulation of the *Indian* Trade, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for appointing Commiſſioners, to meet with Commiſſioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the regulation of the* Indian *Trade.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſeveral Perſons who have ſettled on Lands in this Colony, lying on the Waters of the *Miſſiſſippi* River, for which his Majeſty's Patents have been obtained, and are Reſident thereon, have not forfeited his Majeſty's Protection, but are intitled to all ſuch Privileges, Immunities, and Protection, as his Majeſty's other good Subjects of this Colony do enjoy.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Committee of Correſpondence ought to be directed to write to *Edward Montagu*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, in juſtification of the Memorial preſented by this Houſe, in the former Part of this Seſſion

[1] Hening. VIII. p. 367.

ſion, to his Excellency Lord *Botetourt*, and therein to give a full Refutation of the Obſervations made on it by *John Stuart*, Eſq; Superintendent of *Indian* Affairs.

The firſt *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, the Amendment following was propoſed to be made thereunto, *viz.* to add at the End thereof theſe Words, *viz.* '*And that they alſo take Notice of ſome Parts of the ſaid* M^r *Stuart's Speeches to the* Indians, *at the Conferences on that Subject, which appear to be very exceptionable and unwarrantable.*'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, that the Committee of Correſpondence ought to be directed to write to *Edward Montagu*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, in juſtification of the Memorial preſented by this Houſe, in the former Part of this Seſſion, to his Excellency Lord *Botetourt*, and therein to give a full Refutation of the Obſervations made on it by *John Stuart*, Eſq; Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs; and that they alſo take Notice of ſome Parts of the ſaid M^r *Stuart's* Speeches to the *Indians* at the Conferences on that Subject, which appear to be very exceptionable and unwarrantable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence do Write to *Edward Montagu*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That M^r *Joſeph Cabell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.

M^r *Speaker* left the Chair.

M^r *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

M^r *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments, to ſome of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That M^r *Read* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, Eleven of the Clock.

Monday

[1] Hening, IV. p. 247.

Monday, the 18th of June. 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of the Expences of the traveling and Attendance of the Witneſſes, who were examined, as well before the ſaid Committee, touching the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, complaining of ſundry illegal and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved, as before the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, to whom a like Petition, in the Year 1767, was referred, that the Committee had ſtated an Account of the ſaid Expences accordingly, which they had directed him to report, together with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Account and Reſolution of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.* [241]

	Witneſſes.	Attendance.	Diſtance.	Total Tobacco.	Ferriage.
1767	*William Garrett*,	2 Days	110 Miles	450	0 3 0
1770	The ſame,	2	110	450	0 3 0
	John Mauzy,	2	115	465	0 3 0
	Bailey Waſhington,	2	128	504	0 4 0
	Thomas Mountjoy,	2	115	465	0 3 3
	Yelverton Peyton,	2	122	486	0 3 0
	Humphrey Gaines,	2	115	465	0 3 0
	William Adie,	2	124	492	0 3 0
	Andrew Edwards,	2	110	450	0 3 0
	Joſeph Thatcher,	2	113	459	0 3 0
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Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Expences ought to be defrayed by the ſeveral Perſons who ſubſcribed the ſaid Petitions.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the pariſh of *Cameron* in the County of *Loudoun*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions do lie upon the Table, till the ſecond Reading of the Bill for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, into three diſtinct Pariſhes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time. [242]

Reſolved

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr. *Waſhington*, Mr *Wood*, Mr *Rutherford*, and Mr *Peyton*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution of the Committee for Religion, which was this Day agreed to by the Houſe, for dividing the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer pay One Hundred Pounds to each of the Commiſſioners appointed, in Behalf of this Colony, to meet with Commiſſioners, who are, or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, towards defraying the Expences that may attend their Negotiation.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made upon *Saturday* the 11th Day of *November* laſt, that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Religion, that they prepare and bring in a Bill for granting Toleration to his Majeſty's Subjects, being Proteſtant Diſſenters, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

A *Bill* for better regulating the Election of Veſtries was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker*, reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendment be taken into Conſideration Tomorrow.

The Houſe was moved, that the ſecond Reſolution of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, which upon *Saturday* the 11th Day of *November* laſt, was reported to the Houſe, and poſtponed, might be read.

And the ſame was read Accordingly, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly made
213 in the 5th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[1] *for continuing the Act for appointing an Agent, and two other Acts, therein mentioned*, which will expire on the 14th Day of *April*, 1771, ought to be further continued.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 5th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for continuing the Act for appointing an Agent, and two other Acts, therein mentioned*, which will expire on the 14th Day of *April* 1771, ought not to be further continued.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday

[1] Hening, VIII p. 113.

Tuesday, the 19th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

A *Bill* for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungar's*, in the County of *Northampton*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Alexander*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the firſt Reſolution of the Committee for Religion, which was Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe; and alſo to impower the Veſtry to be elected for the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, to levy and aſſeſs on the Tithable Perſons of the ſaid Pariſh, all ſuch Sums of Money, and Quantities of Tobacco, as the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, ought to have levied and aſſeſſed in the two laſt Years.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to confirm an Agreement made by *Thomas Talbutt*, with the Court of *Norfolk* County; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Stafford*, *King George*, and *Weſtmoreland*, for reforming the Boundaries of the ſaid Counties reſpectively, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of divers In- 244
habitants of the Counties of *Richmond* and *Weſtmoreland*, in Oppoſition thereto, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Inſpection of Hemp;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

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[1] Hening, IV. p. 247.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Committee of the whole Houſe, to the Bill for regulating the Election of Veſtries;

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendment be adjourned till *Thurſday* next.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 20th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to explain and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to confirm the Charter of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings, in the City of* Williamſburg, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard:*

245 Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for declaring their Privileges and Allowances, and for fixing the Rights of Electors, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled An Act to amend an Act, intituled an Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to continue an Act, intituled An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[7] to appoint Truſtees, in the Room of thoſe who are dead for the *Pamunkey Indians*, and with further Power to hear and determine Controverſies among them, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[8] to impower the Veſtry of *Briſtol* Pariſh, in the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Prince George*, to sell their Glebe, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[9] to repeal an Act for increaſ-

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[1] Hening, IV, p. 541. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 305. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 366. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 385.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 367. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 386. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 433. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 431.
[9] Ibid, VIII, p. 430.

ing the Salary of the Minifter of the Parifh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to dock the Intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof *John Page*, Eſq; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees, to be ſold, for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to veſt certain Lands in *David Meade*, in Fee Simple, whereof the ſaid *David* and *Sarah* his wife are ſeized, in Right of the ſaid *Sarah*, in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to veſt certain intailed Lands whereof *William* and *John Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their Father, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[5] to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in *George Brooke*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying One Hundred Pounds to each of the Commiſſioners for regulating the Indian Trade: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying Forty Pounds Sterling, and Ten Pounds and Ten Shillings Sterling, for purchaſing two Iron Cheſts for ſecuring the Public Money in the Treaſury: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] for encouraging the making Hemp *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[7] for altering the Court Days of ſeveral Counties therein mentioned, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[8] for continuing and amending an Act, intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of *Frederickſburg* and *Richmond*, and for enlarging the Town of *Frederickſburg*, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[9] to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, whereof *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Eyre* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him, and deſired

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 445. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 457. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 470. [4] Ibid. VIII, p. 437.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 474. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 363. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 400. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 418.
[9] Ibid, VIII, p. 483.

deſired him to lay before the Houſe, an Act[1] of the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, made in this preſent Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act[1] to repeal ſo much of an Act made in the 7th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled "An Act[2] for granting certain Duties in the* Britiſh *Colonies and Plantations in* America; *for allowing a Drawback of the Duties of Cuſtoms upon the Exportation, from this Kingdom, of Coffee and Cocoa Nuts of the Produce of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations; for diſcontinuing the Drawbacks payable on China Earthen Ware exported to* America; *and for more effectually preventing the clandeſtine running of Goods in the ſaid Colonies and Plantations," as relates to the Duties upon Glaſs, Red Lead, White Lead, Painters Colours, Paper, Paſte-Boards, Mill-Boards and Scale-Boards, of the Produce or Manufacture of* Great-Britain, *imported into any of his Majeſty's Colonies in* America; *and alſo to the diſcontinuing the Drawbacks payable on China Earthen-Ware exported to* America; *and for regulating the Exportation thereof; and he delivered the Act in at the Clerk's Table.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Act do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging the making Hemp.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 9. After '*Peace*' leave out '*or Conſtable.*'

Line 12. After '*Juſtice*' leave out '*or Conſtable.*'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the ſame without the Amendments; and that Mr *Harriſon* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Hite*, and Mr *Macon*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act[3] for altering the Court Days of ſeveral Counties therein mentioned.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 6. Leave out '*fourth*' and inſert '*laſt*' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act[4] for continuing and amending an Act, intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg *and* Richmond, *and for enlarging the Town of* Frederickſburg.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To the End of the Bill, add '*Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall be conſtrued, deemed or taken to derogate from, alter or infringe the Royal Power, and Prerogative of his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, of granting to any Perſon or Perſons, Body Politic or Corporate, the Privilege of holding Fairs or Markets, in any ſuch Manner as he or they, by his or their Royal Letters Patent, or by his or their Inſtructions to the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Dominion, for the Time being, ſhall think fit.*"

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe doth agree to the Amendment made by them.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council

[1] Statutes at Large, *Great Britain*, Vol. VII, p. 62. [2] Ibid, Vol. VI, p. 768. [3] Hening, VIII, p. 400.
[4] Ibid, VIII, p. 418.

Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Sarah, *the Wife of* John Rootes, *Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Page 2, Line 9. Leave out "*to the Uſe of the ſaid John Rootes, during the joint Lives of him and the ſaid Sarah his Wife, and to the longeſt Liver of the ſaid John and Sarah, for his or her Life, and from and after the Death of the Survivor of them, then the ſaid Slaves and their Increaſe,*" and inſert "*to the ſole and ſeparate Uſe of the ſaid Sarah, for and during her natural Life, and from and after the Death of the ſaid Sarah to the Uſe of the ſaid John Rootes, during his Life, and after the Death of the longeſt Liver of them, then the ſaid Slaves and their Increaſe,*" inſtead thereof.

Line 16. Leave out "*Provided nevertheleſs, that the Slaves ſo annexed, and their future Increaſe, ſhall be liable to be taken in Execution, and ſold for ſatiſfying and paying the juſt Debts of the Tenant in Tail, for the Time being, in the ſame Manner as other intailed Slaves are liable; and ſhall moreover be ſubject to the Payment of the Debts of the ſaid John Rootes, for and during his Life and Intereſt in the ſaid Slaves, in the ſame Manner as the ſaid Land would have been ſubject in Caſe this Act had never been made.*"

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the ſame without the Amendments; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 21ſt of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

MR *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Claims to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.* 243

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Matthew Anderſon*, to be allowed for 151 Days Pay, as a Serjeant in Captain *John Hickman's* Company, in 1759, be rejected, it appearing that it was the general Cuſtom of the Officers to draw the whole Pay for their Men.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *George Boyd*, to be allowed for Work done on *Mayo* Fort, be rejected, for want of Proof.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Joſhua Powell*, to be allowed for 25 Days Pay as Enſign under Captain *John Dickinſon*, and ſerving as a Carpenter at the building of *Black Water* Fort 105 Days, in the Year 1759, be rejected, for want of Proof.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 483. [2] Ibid, IV, p. 247.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *John Hickman*, to be allowed for Ferriages of Criminals, in the Year 1767, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved that the Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain*, made in the 9th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *to repeal ſo much of an Act made in the 7th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled An Act*[2] *for granting certain Duties in the* Britiſh *Colonies and Plantations in* America; *for allowing a Drawback of the Duties of Cuſtoms upon the Exportation, from this Kingdom, of Coffee and Cocoa Nuts of the Produce of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations; for diſcontinuing the Drawbacks payable on China Earthen-Ware exported to* America; *and for more effectually preventing the Clandeſtine running of Goods in the ſaid Colonies and Plantations, as relates to the Duties upon Glaſs, Red Lead, White Lead, Painters Colours, Paper, Paſte-Boards, Mill-Boards, and Scale Boards, of the Produce or Manufacture of* Great-Britain, *imported into any of his Majeſty's Colonies in* America; *and alſo to the diſcontinuing the Drawbacks payable on China Earthen-Ware exported to* America; *and for regulating the Exportation thereof;* might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That a moſt humble and dutiful Petition be preſented to his Majeſty, intreating that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to take into his Royal Conſideration the Grievances under which his faithful Subjects of *Virginia* ſtill continue to labour, by having their Property taken from them by Laws to which they have never conſented, either perſonally, or by their Repreſentatives; by being ſubjected to the Deciſion of diſtant and arbitrary Courts of Admiralty, where Trial by Jury, the ſureſt Support of Property, is denied; both which Innovations in the Conſtitution, tend immediately to deprive his Majeſty's ever dutiful Subjects of thoſe great and fundamental Rights, which, until lately, they have conſtantly enjoyed, and which they and their Forefathers have ever claimed as their unalienable Rights as Men, their Conſtitutional Rights as Subjects of the Britiſh Empire, and their Right by Charters granted to the firſt Settlers of this Diſtant Country by his Majeſty's Royal Anceſtors, Kings of *England*. That to reſtore the former Happineſs and Security of his faithful Subjects of this Colony, his Majeſty will be pleaſed, in his great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, to recommend to his Parliament a total Repeal of certain Acts lately paſſed for the purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue in *America*, and for ſubjecting *American* Property to the Juriſdiction of diſtant and arbitrary Courts of Admiralty, where Trial by Jury is not permitted, and where Diſtance and Intereſt may both conſpire to ruin the Innocent.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Petition to be preſented to his Majeſty upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Harriſon*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's
249 Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *David Ker*, Clerk of the County of *Middleſex*, as relates to the firſt Sum of Paper Currency, therein mentioned, which was depoſited in his Hands by Order of Court, and burnt in the Houſe of *James Gregorie*, his Deputy, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the ſame, being 56 *l.* 14 *s.* by the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to the other Sum of 14 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.* Paper Currency, therein mentioned, Part of which had been received by *James Gregorie*, his Deputy, for Clerks Fees, and Part for Fees on Marriage and Ordinary Licences, which was likewiſe burnt in the ſaid *Gregorie's* Houſe, be rejected; it being uncertain how much of that Sum was received for Fees on Licences.

Reſolved

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1. Statutes at Large, *Great Britain*, Vol. VIII. p. 61. 2. Ibid. Vol. VI. p. 168.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Charles Neilſon*, Naval Officer of Port *Rappahannock*, to be allowed the Sum of 9 *l.* which he had received in Paper Bills for Duties on Liquors, and was to have been paid into the Treaſury, but was burnt in the Houſe of *James Gregorie*, his Deputy, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the ſame in ſettling his Accounts with the Treaſury.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Rind*, for an Addition to his Salary, as Public Printer, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the further Sum of 75 *l. per annum*, as a Conſideration for the Increaſe of Public Buſineſs.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Joſeph Saunders*, to be allowed for the Horſe therein mentioned, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *William Edwards* and *James Price*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Grays Creek* Warehouſe, in *Surry* County, as relates to the Hogſhead of uninſpected Tobacco, ſtole out of the ſaid Warehouſe in the Year 1763, is reaſonable; and that the ſaid *William Edwards*, whoſe Property the ſaid Tobacco was, ought to be allowed the Sum of 9 *l.* 18 *s.* for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to the 421 lb. of Tobacco, ſtole out of the prized Hogſhead, in *May* laſt, be rejected; it appearing that the Houſe, at that Time, was not properly ſecured.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Grymes*, in behalf of himſelf and his Creditors, to be allowed a reaſonable Satisfaction for the Damage done their Slave, who was committed to Gaol for Hogſtealing, and was Froſt-bitten during his Confinement, ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Doncaſtle*, to be allowed for Waggonage in the Year 1759, be rejected.

The *eight* firſt Reſolutions being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ninth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed to the ſaid Committee of Public Claims.

Resolved, That the further Sum of Seventy-five Pounds *per Annum* be paid, as an additional Salary, to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Moſeley*, Mr *Coles*, and Mr *Weſt*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roſcow* is ſeized, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, praying his Excellency to uſe his earneſt Intreaties with the Governor of *Maryland*, to recommend it to his Aſſembly to join this Colony in erecting and ſupporting a Light-Houſe on *Cape Henry*, a Meaſure we are convinced will conduce much to ſecuring the extenſive Trade carried on by both Colonies up the Bay of *Cheſapeak*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, by Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Archibald Cary*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail

Intail of certain Lands whereof *Francis Eppes* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time,

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Oſborne*, Mr *Richard Randolph*, and Mr *Adams*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the petition of *Thomas* and *Boſwell Godwyne*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Bollingbrooke* Warehouſe, in *Dinwiddie* County, to them re-committed, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition, praying that the ſaid Inſpectors may be allowed for 13 Hogſheads of Tobacco, ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe last Year, be rejected; it appearing that the ſaid Warehouſe was, at that Time, Inſufficient.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of the Diſburſements of *Thomas Walker*, *Thomas Rutherford*, *James Wood*, and *Abraham Hite*, Gentlemen, Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of the General Aſſembly, made in the 7th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[1] *for opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to* Fort Pitt *on the* Ohio, in Execution of the ſaid Act, that the Committee had ſtated an Account of the ſaid Diſburſements accordingly, which they had directed him to report, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Dr. The Commiſſioners in Account with the Colony of *Virginia*. Cr.

	l	*s*	*d*
To Caſh received of the Treaſurer.	200	0	0
To Balance due to the Commiſſioners,	66	14	0
	266	14	0
By Caſh paid *Abraham Kuykendall* and others, for opening, meaſuring, and marking the ſaid Road,	200	0	0
By their Expences at two different Times on the Road, with two Pilots,	11	0	0
By their Aſſumption to *Richard Williams*, *Henry Hougland*, *John Hougland*, and *William Crawford*, who were employed as Pilots in finding out a nearer and more convenient Road, for 19 Days, each at 4*s.* *per* Day,	15	4	0
By *Abraham Hite*, for 25 Days Attendance on the ſaid Road, as a Commiſſioner, at 15*s.* *per* Day,	18	15	0
By *Thomas Rutherford* for 12 Days, as ditto,	9	0	0
By *James Wood*, for 17 Days, as ditto,	12	15	0
	266	14	0

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 252.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that *Abraham Hite*, *Thomas Rutherford* and *James Wood*, acting Commiſſioners, ought to be allowed the Balance of the above Account, being 66 *l.* 14 *s.* as a Satiſfaction for their extraordinary Expences and Attendance, as Commiſſioners, on the ſaid Road.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time; 251

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Report was read.

And the *firſt* of the Amendments made by the Committee to the ſaid Bill being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do inſiſt upon the Amendments made by them to the Bill, intituled An Act[2] for encouraging the making Hemp, *diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto: And alſo,*

The Council do inſiſt upon the Amendments made by them to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, whereof *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, *diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Treaſurer's Accounts.

And he preſented the ſaid Accounts at the Bar.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Governor, and deſire his Excellency's Aſſent thereto.

The Houſe reſumed the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was committed.

And ſeveral other *Amendments*, made by the Committee to the ſaid Bill, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till *Saturday* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for the Inſpection of Hemp;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance 252 of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

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[1] Hening, IV, p. 247. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 363. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 483. [4] Ibid, IV, p. 247.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Committee of the whole Houſe, to the Bill for regulating the Election of Veſtries;

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendment be further adjourned till *Saturday* next.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till *Saturday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Friday, the 22d of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies; and that Mr *Bland* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of the Expences of travelling and Attendance of the Witneſſes, who were examined before the ſaid Committee, touching the Matters ſet forth and complained of in the petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nanſemond*, on the Eaſt Side of the River, that the Committee had ſtated an Account of the ſaid Expences accordingly, which they had directed him to report, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Expences ought to be defrayed by the ſeveral Perſons who ſubſcribed the ſaid Petition, according to the Account below ſtated.

Witneſſes.	Attendance.	Diſtance.	Total Tobacco.	Ferriage.
Thomas Godwin,	3 Days	40 Miles twice	420	0 10 0
William Wiſe,	3	54	504	0 15 0
			924	1 5 0

It *appears* to your Committee, that *Jonathan Godwin*, *James Godwin*, *Miles King*, *Thomas Buxton*, and *John Drew*, five of the Members of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, did attend the Committee in Order to make their Defence, touching the Subject-Matter of the ſaid petition, an Account of whoſe travelling and Attendance is likewiſe ſtated; but whether the ſaid Veſtrymen ought to be paid the ſaid Expences by the ſaid Petitioners, is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Veſtrymen.	Attendance.	Diſtance.	Total Tobacco.	Ferriage.
Jonathan Godwin,	3 Days	40 Miles twice	420	0 10 0
James Godwin,	3	44	444	0 10 0
Miles King,	3	50	480	0 15 0
Thomas Buxton,	3	45	450	0 15 0
John Drew,	2	45	255	5
			2049	2 15 0

253 The ſaid *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Expences of the Veſtrymen, in the ſaid Report mentioned, be paid by the Subſcribers to the ſaid Petition, who did not retract the ſame.

Ordered

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which, upon *Monday* laſt, was agreed to by the Houſe, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for paying the Expences of the ſaid Witneſſes and Veſtrymen, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions of this Day.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Bill for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from Baſtard Children, born within the ſame, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe, and ſeveral Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Richard Johnſon*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Anderſon*, Mr *Lyne*, Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Moore*, and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Wormeley*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Mitchell*, Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrance.

Mr *Eyre* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of Yeſterday to the Governor, to uſe his earneſt Intreaties with the Governor of *Maryland*, to recommend it to his Aſſembly to join this Colony in erecting and ſupporting a Light-Houſe on *Cape Henry*, had been preſented to his Excellency, and that his Excellency had directed him 254
to acquaint this Houſe, that the Subject-Matter of the Addreſs was extremely agreeable to him, and that he would take the earlieſt Opportunity of writing to the Governor of *Maryland* on the Expediency of the Meaſure propoſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to repeal an Act made in the 22d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[2] *concerning Strays;* and to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to repeal an Act made in the 22d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled An Act concerning Strays; and to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays.*

Ordered, That Mr *Stark* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Claims for executed Slaves, and other Matters to them referred, and had ſtated an Account thereof, which they had directed him

[1] Hening, VIII. p. 241. [2] Ibid. VI, p. 133. [3] Ibid, VIII. p. 354.

him to report, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To *Carter Crafford*, jun. Orphan of *John Crafford*, deceaſed, for his Negro Man Slave *Jeffery*, who was condemned and executed for Burglary, and by the Court of the County of *Warwick* valued at 65 *l.*

To *Catharine Hubard*, for her Negro Man Slave *Iſaac*, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *York* valued at 70 *l.*

To the Eſtate of *Ralph Piggot*, deceaſed, for *Luke*, a Negro Man Slave belonging to the ſaid Eſtate, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *Norfolk* valued at 60 *l.*

To *John Hall*, for his Negro Man Slave *Cæſar*, who was condemned and executed for a Rape, and by the Court of the County of *Bedford* valued at 80 *l.*

To *Maximilian Robinſon*, for his Negro Man Slave *Bob*, who was condemned and executed for Murder, and by the Court of the County of *King George* valued at 60 *l.*

To *George Jamieſon*, for his Negro Man Slave *Lewis*, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *Princeſs Anne* valued at 50 *l.*

To *Thomas Thompſon*, for his Negro Man Slave *Glaſgow*, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *Norfolk* valued at 60 *l.*

To *John Lee*, for his Negro Man Slave *Frank*, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *Eſſex* valued at 70 *l.*

To *Aaron Thorpe*, for his Negro Man Slave *Will*, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *Southampton* valued at 60 *l.*

To *John Lewelling*, for his Negro Man Slave *Limus*, who was condemned and executed for Felony, and by the Court of the County of *Norfolk* valued at 75 *l.*

To *Meriwether Smith*, for his Negro Woman *Betty*, who was condemned and executed, and by the Court of the County of *Eſſex* valued at 80 *l.*

To *Carter Braxton*, for Proviſions furniſhed the *Catawba Indians* on their March to join his Majeſty's Forces on the *Ohio*, in 1759, 3 *l.* 8 *s.* 8 *d.*

To *Adam Wayland*, for a Gun, impreſſed for the Uſe of the *Culpeper* Militia, in 1764, 1 *l.* 10 *s.*

To *Joſeph Pollard*, for ditto, in 1763, 1 *l.* 15 *s.*

To *Joſeph Worſhbourn*, for ditto, in ditto, 1 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.*

To *Henry Field*, jun. for ditto, in ditto, 2 *l.* 5 *s.*

To *George Latham*, for ditto, for *Fauquier* Militia, 1 *l.*

To *Thomas Harriſon*, Aſſignee of *Charles Jones*, for ditto, in 1763, 15 *s.*

To *Burr Barton*, for ditto, in 1763 or 1764, 15 *s.*

To *Samuel Blackwell*, for ditto, for *Prince William* Militia, 2 *l.*

To *George Henry*, for ditto, 2 *l.*

To *William Courtney*, for ditto, 1 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.*

To *Thomas Claiborne*, for Ferriage of Sheriffs with Criminals, in 1767 and 1768, 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 6 *d.*

To *William Rind*, for Printing, and Binding Books, the laſt Emiſſion of Paper Currency, 80 *l.*

To *Joſeph Kidd*, for Guilding and Painting the Dial-Plates and Arms of the Clock and Weather Cock of the Capitol, 35 *l.*

To *Joſhua Kendall*, for the Ornaments of the Capitol Gates, Leading the Balls, and Painting, 7 *l.* 10 *s.*

To *Samuel Boufh*, Treaſurer of *Norfolk* County, to reimburſe the ſaid County for ſundry Sums advanced by Order of the Juſtices to *James Patrick*, *Robert Atkin*, and *William Honeycomb*, Mariners, detained in the County as Witneſſes for the Crown, againſt *David Fergufon*, a Criminal, now in the Public Gaol, for Murder, 36 *l.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Claims are reaſonable, and that the reſpective Claimants ought to be allowed for the ſame by the Public

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The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *James Walker* and Mr *Scott* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion. 225

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Bowler Cocke* and *Charles Carter*, Eſquires, was re-committed, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the ſaid petition, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that from the ſeveral Depoſitions and Coroner's Inqueſt hereto annexed, and to which your Committee begs Leave to refer the Houſe, the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the petitioners ought to be allowed for the Slave *Tom* the Sum of Eighty five Pounds, for *Matt* One Hundred Pounds, and for *Phil* Eighty-five Pounds; and alſo the Sum of Twenty five Pounds for reimburſing them the Surgeon's Charge for attending and dreſſing the Slaves concerned in the Inſurrection, in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Francis Eppes* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for dividing the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, into three diſtinct Pariſhes, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, when elected, to ſell their Glebe Lands, and purchaſe a more convenient Glebe, in Lieu thereof.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Burwell*, Eſq; is ſeized, in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Robert Burwell, *Eſq; is ſeized, in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of equal Value, in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Baker* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Saturday, the 23d of June. 10 Geo. III. 1770.

AN ingroſſed *Bill* to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies.*

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence. 258

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 448. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 381.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for reſuming the adjourned Conſideration of the Report, which was made from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was committed, be now read.

And the ſaid *Order* being read accordingly;

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the ſaid Report.

And the Reſidue of the *Amendments* made by the Committee to the ſaid Bill, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[2] *for encouraging the making Hemp*, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

And the ſame being twice read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth adhere to their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe doth adhere to their Diſagreement to the Amendments by them inſiſted on to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the Bill, without the Amendments; and that M[r] *Harriſon* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That M[r] *Edmund Pendleton*, M[r] *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, M[r] *Gawin Corbin*, M[r] *Wallace*, M[r] *Eyre*, and M[r] *Henry*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[3] *to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Sarah, *the Wife of* John Rootes, *Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

The ſaid *Amendments* were twice read;

And the *Queſtion* being put, that this Houſe doth inſiſt upon their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That M[r] *Mercer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

M[r] *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Rocky Ridge*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, and for adding certain Lots to the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amend-
257 ments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for reſuming the adjourned Conſideration of the Report which was made from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for regulating the Election of Veſtries was committed, be now read.

And the ſaid *Order* being read accordingly;

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the ſaid report.

And the *Amendment* made by the Committee, to the ſaid Bill being read a ſecond Time

[1] Hening, IV, p 247. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 363. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 483.

Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Baniſter* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Friday* next.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

An ingroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of Rider, to repeal ſo much of an Act of General Aſſembly, exempting all the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nanſemond*, from Payment of Ferriage for paſſing *Nanſemond* River, as relates to all the ſaid Inhabitants, except the Miniſter.

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of Rider.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Inſpection of Hemp.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Mercer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for dividing the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, into three diſtinct Pariſhes, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſome of them agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungar's*, in the County of *Northampton*, was read the third Time.

An ingroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of Rider, for enabling the Veſtries of the Pariſhes in the Bill mentioned, notwithſtanding their diſſolution, to proſecute and defend Suits already commenced by and againſt them.

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe, to be made a Part of the Bill, by Way of Rider.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for diſſolving the ſeveral Veſtries therein mentioned.* 258

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Richard Johnſon*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics and other Perſons of unſound Mind;

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 368. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 432.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to amend the Act, intituled *An Act to amend the Act for better Government of Servants and Slaves* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to amend the Act intituled An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to repeal Part of an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *againſt ſtealing Hogs*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[4] *to amend an Act, intituled An Act againſt ſtealing Hogs.*

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till *Monday* next.

A *Bill* for encouraging the making Wine, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, for adding Part of the City of *Williamſburg* to *James City* County and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *to annex Part of the County of* York *to the County of* James City, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox, within this Colony, was read 250
a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Henry Lee* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, Ten of the Clock.

Monday, the 25th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

AN ingroſſed Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco*, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[7] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Treaſurer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive ſame.

Ordered

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 358. 2 Ibid, II. p. 458. 3 Ibid, VI, p. 121. 4 Ibid, VIII. p. 385.
5 Ibid, VIII. p. 419. 6 Ibid, IV. p. 247. 7 Ibid, VIII. p. 318.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to repeal Part of an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to repeal Part of an Act, intituled An Act of free and general Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Inſpection of Hemp;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for better regulating the Election of Veſtries, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for better regulating the Election of Veſtries.*

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Mind;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for encouraging the making Wine, was read the third Time. 260

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for encouraging the making Wine.*

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Mercer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs and their Deputies, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be ingroſſed.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for dividing the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick* into three diſtinct Pariſhes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *for dividing the Pariſhes of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *and* Cameron, *in the County of* Loudoun, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Rutherford* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from Baſtard Children born within the ſame, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for the relief of Pariſhes, from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from Baſtard Children born within the ſame.*

An ingroſſed *Bill* to explain and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *to confirm the Charter of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings, in the City of* Williamſburg, *was read the third Time.*

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[7] *to explain certain Doubts touching the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings, of the City of* Williamſburg.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, II, p. 458. [2] Not recorded as a law. [3] Hening, VIII. p. 364. [4] Ibid, VIII. p. 425.
[5] Ibid. VIII. 374. [6] Ibid. IV, p. 541. [7] Ibid, VIII. p. 401.

A *Bill* to prevent Hogs and Dogs running at Large, on the Iſland of *Gingoteague*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Francis Eppes* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Francis Eppes *is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands, in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Richard Johnſon*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Richard Johnſon, *Gentleman*, is ſeized, *and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 26th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

ORDERED, That the Adminiſtrators of *John Robinſon*, Eſq; do lay before this Houſe, at the next Seſſion, a Liſt of the Names of all thoſe who are indebted to the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon*, Eſq; with an exact Account of the Balances reſpectively due from ſuch Perſons.

Mr *Treaſurer*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, ſome of them were dif-
261 agreed to, and the reſt were agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Mind.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Treaſurer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 450. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 455.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker,*

The Council recede from the Amendment made by them to the Bill intituled An Act[1] for encouraging the making Hemp, *to which the Houſe have diſagreed: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for encouraging the making Wine, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to amend the Act, intituled an Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] for dividing the Pariſhes of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, and *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to explain certain Doubts touching the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings of the City of *Williamſburg*, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] to amend an Act, intituled An Act againſt ſtealing Hogs, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[7] to annex Part of the County of *York*, to the County of *James City*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[8] for diſſolving the ſeveral Veſtries therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[9] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Francis Eppes* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[10] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Richard Johnſon*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying an additional Salary to the Printer: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[11] for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[12] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Burwell*, Eſq; is ſeized, in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of equal Value, in Lieu thereof, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe:*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within this Colony, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

At the End of the *Bill* add, '*And whereas Doubts and Diſputes have often ariſen, to the great Delay and Hindrance of Paſſengers, about the Right which a perſon appointed to keep a Ferry on one Side of a River or Creek hath to take in a Fare on the Oppoſite Shore, and to receive the Pay for ferrying over*':

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 363. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 364. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 358. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 425.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 401. [6] Ibid, VIII. p. 385. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 419. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 432.
[9] Ibid, VIII, p. 450. [10] Ibid, VIII, p. 455. [11] Ibid, VIII, p. 368. [12] Ibid, VIII, p. 448.

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that it ſhall and may be lawful for any Keeper of a Ferry to take into his Boat or Boats any Paſſenger or Paſſengers, Carriage Horſes, and Cattle of any Kind whatſoever, on either Side, to convey them over, and to receive the Ferriage for the ſame, any Law, Uſage or Cuſtom to the contrary in any Wiſe notwithſtanding.'

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr *Nelſon* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Robert Burwell, *Eſq; is ſeized, in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of equal Value, in Lieu thereof.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 35. Leave out '*Four Thouſand Three Hundred*,' and inſert '*Three Thouſand Four Hundred*,' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Baker* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *John Doncaſtle* was re-committed, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for the Inſpection of Hemp;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Bill* for adding Part of the County of *Auguſta*, to the County of *Hampſhire*, was read a ſecond Time.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be ingroſſed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Rocky Ridge*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, and for adding certain Lots to the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for eſtabliſhing Towns at* Rocky Ridge, Glouceſter *Court-Houſe, and* Layton's *Warehouſe; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 448. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 421.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *William Cabell* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for the Remainder of this Session.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *John Wyatt*, *Francis Smith*, and *Joseph Foster*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the said Petition, and come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition praying an Allowance for the Guns which were used in suppressing a late Insurrection of the Slaves of *Bowler Cocke*, and spoiled, as set forth in the said petition, is reasonable; and that the said *John Wyatt* ought to be allowed the Sum of 1 *l.* and 10 *s.* *Francis Smith* 1 *l.* and 10 *s.* and *Joseph Foster* 1 *l.* for the damage done their Guns.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

An ingrossed *Bill* to prevent Hogs and Dogs running at Large on the Island of *Gingoteague*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to prevent Hogs and Dogs running at Large on the Island of* Gingoteague.

Ordered, That Mr *Simpson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do state an Account of all Sums of Money, which have been agreed to by the House, since the 21st Day of *December* last, to be paid by the Public, and report the same, in an ingrossed Schedule, to the House.

A *Bill* to confirm an Agreement made by *Thomas Talbutt* with the Court of *Norfolk* County, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 27th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

AN ingrossed *Bill* to make Provision for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Persons of unsound Mind, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to make Provision for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Persons of unsound Minds.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within this Colony, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox, within this Colony.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Wormeley*, Gentleman, is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to dock the Intail of certain*

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1 Not recorded as a law. 2 Hening, VIII, p. 378. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 371. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 452.

certain Lands, whereof John Wormeley, *Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That M^r *Nelſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to confirm an Agreement made by *Thomas Talbutt*, with the Court of *Norfolk* County, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to confirm an Agreement made by* Thomas Talbutt, *with the Court of* Norfolk *County.*

Ordered, That M^r *John Wilſon* of *Norfolk* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Public Claims, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of all Sums of Money, which have been agreed by the Houſe, ſince the Twenty-firſt Day of *December* laſt, to be paid by the Public, and Report the ſame in an ingroſſed Schedule to the Houſe, that they make the following Allowances to the Officers of the General Aſſembly, in the ſaid Schedule, *viz.*

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To *George Wythe*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,	300 o o
To *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; Clerk of the General Aſſembly,	100 o o
To the Reverend M^r *Thomas Price*, Chaplain to the Houſe,	60 o o
To M^r *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe,	85 o o
To M^r *Richard Starke*, Clerk of the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances,	100 o o
To M^r *Richard Cary*, Clerk of the Committees for Religion, and of Trade,	80 o o
To M^r *Hind Ruſſell*, Clerk of the Committee of Public Claims,	100 o o
To M^r *Thomas Everard*, Clerk of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice,	50 o o
To *Robert Hyland*, *James Lavie*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, Door-keepers 20 *l.* each,	80 o o
To *Chriſtopher Ayſcough*, Door-keeper to the Council,	20 o o
To M^r *Benjamin Powell*, for cleaning the Capitol,	5 o o

M^r *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee appointed, upon *Thurſday* laſt, to draw up a Petition to be preſented to his Majeſty, that the Committee had drawn up a petition accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

Graciouſly to permit your ever dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, to approach your Royal Preſence, and, with all humility, renew their moſt earneſt Entreaties, that your Majeſty, in your great Goodneſs, would be pleaſed to extend your fatherly Protection to them and all their fellow Subjects in* America.

Having, Sire, upon former and recent Occaſions, humbly ſubmitted to your Royal Wiſdom, our juſt Claims to be free and exempt from all Taxes impoſed on us, without our own Conſent, for the Purpoſe of raiſing and eſtabliſhing a Revenue in America, *we ſhould not now preſume to recall your Majeſty's gracious Attention to the ſame Subject, had we not the moſt convincing Teſtimony that the Sentiments and Diſpoſitions of your Majeſty's Miniſtry, confirmed by the Voice of Parliament, ſtill continue extremely unfavorable and alarming to your Majeſty's* American *Subjects; a Reflection to us, at this Time, the more irkſome and grevious, as we had, from the late agreeable Proſpect flattered ourſelves, that a broad and permanent Foundation would ſoon have been laid, for reſtoring and perpetuating that pleaſing Harmony, which once ſo happily united the Intereſts and Affections of all your Majeſty's Subjects both* Britiſh *and* American.

Words, moſt gracious Sovereign, cannot ſufficiently expreſs the exceeding great Concern and deep Affliction, with which our Minds have been agitated and tortur'd upon finding almoſt a fix'd and determin'd Reſolution in the Parliament of Great-Britain *to continue the*

[1] Hening, VIII, p.454.

the ſeveral Acts impoſing Duties for the ſole Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue in America; *expoſing the perſons and Eſtates of your Majeſty's affectionate Subjects to the arbitrary Deciſions of diſtant Courts of Admiralty, and thereby depriving them of the ineſtimable Right and Privilege of being tried by their Peers alone, according to the long eſtabliſh'd and well known Laws of the Land. From theſe baneful Sources have already been derived much Diſquietude and Unhappineſs, which are not likely to abate under the Continuance of Meaſures, apparently tending to deprive the Coloniſts of every Thing dear and valuable to them.*

A partial Suſpenſion of Duties, and theſe ſuch only, as were impoſed on Britiſh *Manufacturers, cannot, Great Sir, remove the two well grounded Fears and Apprehenſions of your Majeſty's loyal Subjects, whilſt Impoſitions are continued on the ſame Articles of foreign Fabrick, and entirely retain'd upon Tea, for the avow'd Purpoſe of eſtabliſhing a Precedent againſt us.*

We therefore judging it, at all Times, an indiſpenſable Duty we owe to your Majeſty, to our Country, ourſelves and Poſterity, humbly to lay our Grievances before the common Father of all his People, do now, impreſs'd with the higheſt Senſe of Duty and Affection, proſtrate ourſelves at the Foot of your Throne, moſt humbly beſeeching and imploring your Majeſty graciously to interpoſe your Royal Influence and Authority, to procure a total Repeal of thoſe diſagreeable Acts of Parliament, and to ſecure to us the free and uninterrupted Enjoyment of all thoſe Rights and Privileges, which from the Laws of Nature, of Community in general, and in a moſt eſpecial Manner, from the Principles of the Britiſh *Conſtitution, particularly recognized and confirm'd to this Colony by repeated and expreſs Stipulations, we preſume not to claim, but in common with all the reſt of your Majeſty's Subjects, under the ſame or like Circumſtances.*

That your Majeſty and your Royal Deſcendants may long and glorioufly reign in the Hearts of a free and happy People, is the conſtant and fervent Prayer of

Yours Majeſty's truly devoted, moſt dutiful, loyal and affectionate Subjects.

The Burgeſſes *and* Repreſentatives.
of the People *of* Virginia.

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The ſaid *Petition* being read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Petition to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence do ſend the ſaid Petition to *Edward Montagu*, Eſq; the Agent for this Colony, with Directions that he Cauſe the ſame to be preſented to his Majeſty as ſoon as may be, and after it ſhall be preſented, or offered to be preſented, that he procure it to be printed and publiſhed in the *Engliſh* Papers.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to oblige ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſhes of *Overwharton* and *Suffolk*, in the Counties of *Stafford* and *Nanſemond*, to Pay certain Expences therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The Bill was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Harriſon* and Mr *Henry Lee*.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] to repeal an Act made in the 22d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled An Act concerning Strays; and to

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 378. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 354.

to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from Baſtard Children born within the ſame, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for eſtabliſhing Towns at *Rocky Ridge*, *Glouceſter* Court Houſe, and *Layton's* Warehouſe; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to confirm an Agreement made by *Thomas Talbutt* with the Court of *Norfolk* County, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, to the ſame Uſes: *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within this Colony, *with ſome Amendments to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies, *with ſome Amendments, to whichAmendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to oblige ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſhes of *Overwharton* and *Suffolk*, in the Counties of *Stafford* and *Nanſemond*, to Pay certain Expences therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[7] *to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within this Colony.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

267 Line 11. Leave out '*Hundred*,' and inſert '*Thouſand*' inſtead thereof.

Line 52. After '*Magiſtrate*' inſert '*ſhall forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, upon his refuſing or neglecting to give ſuch Notice, without reaſonable Excuſe.*'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Schedule containing an Account of all Sums of Money which have been agreed by the Houſe, ſince the 21ſt Day of *December* laſt, to be paid by the Public.

And the *Schedule* was read.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums of Money mentioned in the ſaid Schedule be paid by the Treaſurer out of the Public Money which may be in his Hands, on or before the 10th Day of *May* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Schedule to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[8] *to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 374. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 421. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 454. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 452.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 371. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 381. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 371. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 381.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Leave out from '*directed*' in Line 67, to the End of Line 86.

At the End of the Bill, add '*Provided always, that the Execution of this Act ſhall be, and is hereby ſuſpended until his Majeſty's Approbation thereof ſhall be obtained.*'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till to Tomorrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 28th of June, 10 Geo. III. 1770.

AN ingroſſed *Bill* to oblige ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſhes of *Overwharton* and *Suffolk*, in the Counties of *Stafford* and *Nanſemond*, to pay certain Expences therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Schedule containing an Account of all Sums of Money which have been agreed by the Houſe, ſince the 21ſt Day of December laſt, to be paid by the Public: And alſo,

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[1] to continue and amend the Act, intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.* 268

Page 3, Line 18. After '*Record*' inſert '*and upon every Proſecution againſt any 'Inſpector, for the ſaid Offence, the Proof of his Innocence ſhall lie upon himſelf.*'

Line 21. After '*Norfolk*,' inſert '*and.*'

Line 22. Leave out '*and at Totaſkey, in the County of 'Richmond.*'

Line 43. Leave out '*at York and Rowe's, under one Inſpection, Thirty Pounds.*'

Page 4, Line 29. After '*Office*' inſert '*And be it further enacted, by the Authority afore-'ſaid, that all Tranſfer Tobacco, to be delivered out of any Warehouſe hereafter, ſhall 'weigh at leaſt One Thouſand Pounds Nett Tobacco; any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage 'to the contrary thereof in any Wiſe notwithſtanding.*'

Line 29. After '*Act*' leave out to the End of the Bill, and inſert '*ſhall continue 'and be in Force from and after the firſt Day of October next; and that the ſaid 'recited Act, as to ſo much thereof as is not contrary to this Act, together with this 'Act, ſhall continue and be in Force from the ſaid firſt Day of October, 1771, for 'and during the Term of Two Years, and no longer.*'

The firſt *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The two next *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time;

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Council in the ſaid Amendments;

It paſſed in the Negative.

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 318.

The next *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time;

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Council in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The *two* laſt of the ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to acquaint them, that this Houſe doth diſagree to the ſecond, third, and fourth of the ſaid Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and doth deſire that they will paſs the ſame without the ſaid Amendments; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do not inſiſt upon the ſecond and third of the Amendments made by them to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to continue and amend the Act, intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, *to which the Houſe have diſagreed; but the Council do inſiſt upon the fourth of the ſaid Amendments made by them to the ſaid Bill, diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The ſaid *fourth Amendment* being twice read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth inſiſt upon their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe doth inſiſt upon their Diſagreement to the fourth Amendment by the Council inſiſted upon the ſaid Bill, and to deſire that they will paſs the Bill, without the Amendment; 269
and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

I am commanded by the Council to acquaint this Houſe, that the Council do deſire a preſent free Conference with this Houſe, in the Conference Chamber, upon the Subject-Matter of the fourth Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled An Act[2] to continue and amend the Act intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to a preſent free Conference with the Council as the Council do deſire.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do go to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe doth agree to a preſent free Conference with the Council, as the Council do deſire.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have appointed three of their Members, who are now ready in the Conference Chamber, to meet the Managers appointed by this Houſe.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Stark*, Mr *Jefferſon*, and Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King George*, do manage the Conference.

And they went up to the Conference accordingly; and being returned,

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Conference, that the Managers had attended the Council; that the Honourable *William Nelſon*, Eſq; managed the Conference for the Council

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 318. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 318.

Council, and ſaid that the Council inſiſted upon their Amendment, and gave their Reaſons for the ſame, as followeth, *viz.*

1. That the Quantities of Tranſfer Tobacco brought to *York* and *Rowe's* Warehouſes being very conſiderable, if thoſe Inſpections ſo far aſunder, ſhould be united, the Inſpectors could not faithfully diſcharge their Duty at both.

2. That *York* being a Sea-Port, where Tobacco is frequently relanded from Ships in the Harbour there, and it being often neceſſary to ſtore Tobacco brought thither to be put on board Ships, which ſometimes cannot take it in; the continual Preſence of the Inſpectors, at that Place, in order to receive ſuch Tobacco, is ſo requiſite, that the ſame Perſons cannot properly attend *Rowe's* alſo.

And that the Council deſired to be informed of the Reaſons of this Houſe for diſagreeing to the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do go to the Council, to deſire a free Conference upon the Subject-Matter of the laſt free Conference.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do agree to the free Conference deſired by this Houſe, and do appoint the ſame preſently in the Conference Chamber.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Perſons who managed the laſt free Conference, do manage this free Conference.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Managers that they inform the Council, of the Reaſons of this Houſe for diſagreeing to the ſaid Amendment.

The *Managers* went to the Conference accordingly.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do adhere to the fourth of the Amendments made by them to the Bill, *intituled An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth recede from their Diſagreement to the ſaid fourth Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do go to the Council, to deſire a free Conference upon the Subject-Matter of the laſt free Conference. 270

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do agree to the free Conference deſired by this Houſe, and do appoint the ſame preſently in the Conference Chamber.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Perſons who managed the laſt free Conference do Manage this free Conference.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Managers, that they acquaint the Council, that this Houſe is not ſatiſfied with their Reaſons for the ſaid fourth Amendment to the ſaid Bill, but do recede from their Diſagreement thereunto, becauſe otherwiſe, by the Council's Adherence, a Bill, in other Reſpects, of very great Importance to this Colony, cannot paſs.

The *Managers* went to the Conference accordingly.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine the enrolled Bills

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 318.

Bills, that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they are truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry the enrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have inſpected the enrolled Bills, and are ſatiſfied they are truly enrolled.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

A *Meſſage* from the *Governor* by Mr *Hubard;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor Commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſeveral Public and private Bills, and Reſolves following, *viz.*

An Act[1] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for declaring their Privileges and Allowances, and for fixing the Rights of Electors.*

An Act[2] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

An Act[3] *to repeal an Act, made in the 22d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled an Act concerning Strays, and to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays.*

An Act[4] *to amend the Act, intituled an Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves.*

An Act[5] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh.*

An Act[6] *for encouraging the making Wine.*

An Act[7] *for encouraging the making Hemp.*

An Act[8] *to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, intituled an Act to amend an Act, intituled an Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine.*

An Act[9] *for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the Indian Trade.*

An Act[10] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[11] *to regulate the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within this Colony.*

An Act[12] *for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from Baſtard Children, born within the ſame.*

An Act[13] *to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds.*

An Act[14] *to prevent the exorbitant Exactions of the Collectors of the County and Pariſh Levies.*

An Act[15] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act againſt ſtealing Hogs.*

An Act[16] *to continue an Act, intituled an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*

An Act[17] *to compel Perſons to find Security for Payment of Coſts in certain Caſes.*

An Act[18] *for altering the Court Days of ſeveral Counties therein mentioned.*

An Act[19] *to explain certain Doubts, touching the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings of the City of Williamſburg.*

An Act[20] *for ſettling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of Huſtings for the City of Williamſburg.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 305. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 318. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 354. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 358.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 361. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 364. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 363. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 366
[9] Ibid, VIII, p. 367. [10] Ibid, VIII, p. 368. [11] Ibid, VIII, p. 371. [12] Ibid, VIII, p. 374.
[13] Ibid, VIII, p. 378. [14] Ibid, VIII, p. 381. [15] Ibid, VIII, p. 385. [16] Ibid, VIII, p. 385
[17] Ibid, VIII, p. 386. [18] Ibid, VIII, p. 400. [19] Ibid, VIII, p. 401. [20] Ibid, VIII, p. 402.

An Act[1] *to amend an Act, paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for reimburſing the Counties of Hanover and King William the Expences of clearing Pamunkey River.*

An Act[2] *for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of Pittſylvania.*

An Act[3] *for continuing and amending an Act, intituled an Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of Frederickſburg and Richmond, and for enlarging the Town of Frederickſburg.* 771

An Act[4] *to annex Part of the County of York to the County of James City, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[5] *for eſtabliſhing Towns at Rocky Ridge, Glouceſter Court-Houſe, and Layton's Warehouſe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[6] *for dividing the Pariſhes of Frederick, in the County of Frederick, and Cameron, in the County of Loudoun, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[7] *to explain and amend an Act of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled an Act to divide the Pariſh of Hamilton, in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William.*

An Act[8] *to repeal an Act for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of Frederick, in the County of Frederick.*

An Act[9] *to impower the Veſtry of Briſtol Pariſh, in the Counties of Dinwiddie and Prince George, to ſell their Glebe.*

An Act[10] *for diſſolving the ſeveral Veſtries therein mentioned.*

An Act[11] *to appoint Truſtees, in the room of thoſe who are dead, for the Pamunkey Indians, and with further Power to hear and determine Controverſies among them.*

An Act[12] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof John Page, Eſq; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater value, to the ſame Uſes.*

An Act[13] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Robert Burwell, Eſq; is ſeized in Tail Male, and for ſettling other Lands, of equal Value, in Lieu thereof.*

An Act[14] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Francis Eppes is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof.*

An Act[15] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof John Wormeley, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

An Act[16] *to confirm an Agreement made by Thomas Talbutt with the Court of Norfolk County.*

An Act[17] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Richard Johnſon, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

An Act[18] *to dock the Intail of Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, in the County of Brunſwick, whereof Armiſtead Lightfoot is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees, to be ſold for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[19] *to veſt certain Lands, whereof John Robinſon, Eſq; deceaſed, is ſeized in Truſt, for Philip Johnſon, Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[20] *to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in Charles Carter, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes.*

An Act[21] *to veſt certain intailed Lands and Slaves therein mentioned in Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and to ſettle other Lands in Lieu thereof.*

An Act[22] *to veſt certain Lands in David Meade, in Fee Simple, whereof the ſaid David, and Sarah his Wife, are ſeized, in the Right of the ſaid Sarah, in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof.*

An Act[23] *to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in George Brooke, Gentleman, in Fee ſimple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof.*

An Act[24] *to veſt certain Lands, whereof Bernard Moore, Eſq; is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees*

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 407. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 417. 3 Ibid. VIII, p. 418. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 419.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 421. 6 Ibid, VIII, p. 425. 7 Ibid, VIII, p. 428. 8 Ibid, VIII, p. 430.
9 Ibid, VIII, p. 431. 10 Ibid, VIII, p. 432. 11 Ibid, VIII, p. 433. 12 Ibid, VIII, p. 445.
13 Ibid, VIII, p. 448. 14 Ibid, VIII, p. 450. 15 Ibid, VIII, p. 452. 16 Ibid, VIII, p. 454.
17 Ibid VIII, p. 455. 18 Ibid, VIII, p. 457. 19 Ibid, VIII, p. 460. 20 Ibid, VIII, p. 464.
21 Ibid, VIII, p. 468. 22 Ibid, VIII, p. 470. 23 Ibid, VIII, p. 474. 24 Ibid, VIII, p. 476.

Truſtees to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes.

An Act[1] *to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof Charles Lewis, Gentleman, is ſeized, in John Lewis, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and ſettle other Lands to the ſame Uſes.*

An Act[2] *to dock the Intail of Four Thouſand Acres of Land, in the County of Iſle of Wight, whereof James Burwell is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, in Fee Simple, for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[3] *to dock the Intail of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, in the County of Glouceſter, whereof Sarah, the Wife of John Rootes, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[4] *to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof William and John Armiſtead, Gentlemen, are ſeized, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of the Debts due from the Eſtate of their Father.*

A Reſolve for paying One Hundred Pounds to each of the Commiſſioners for regulating the Indian Trade.

A *Reſolve for purchaſing two Iron Cheſts for the Uſe of the Treaſury.*

A Reſolve for paying an additional Salary to the Printer.

A Schedule, containing an Account of all Sums of Money which have been agreed ſince the 21ſt Day of December laſt, to be paid by the Public.

After which his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council, and this Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, M[r] *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

It is with the utmoſt Gratitude I acknowledge the many Marks of Confidence with which I have been honoured by this Aſſembly. To what extent I may be able to ſerve you, Time only can prove. Upon my Zeal you may depend, and that it will know no bounds, but what my Duty ſhall impoſe.

As I underſtand that you have gone through the Buſineſs of the Seſſion, and wiſh to return to your ſeveral Counties, I do prorogue you to Thurſday the 25th of October, and you are accordingly prorogued to Thurſday the 25th of October next.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 473. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 481. [3] Ibid, VIII. p. 483. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 487.

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Albemarle	Thomas Walker Thomas Jefferſon
Amelia	*John Winn *Robert Munford
Amherſt	*William Cabell, Jr. Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	*Gabriel Jones John Wilſon
Bedford	*John Talbot *Charles Lynch
Botetourt	*William Preſton *John Bowyer
Brunſwick	Thomas Stith *John Jones
Buckingham	*Joſeph Cabell Benjamin Howard
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton *Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon *William Acrill
Charlotte	Paul Carrington *Iſaac Read
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary Edward Oſborne
The College	*John Page
Culpeper	Henry Pendleton *Henry Field, Jr.
Dinwiddie	*Bolling Starke John Baniſter
Elizabeth City	Wilſon Miles Cary *James Wallace
Eſſex	James Edmondſon *William Roane
Fairfax	George Waſhington *John Weſt
Fauquier	Thomas Marſhall *James Scott
Frederick	Robert Rutherford James Wood
Glouceſter	Thomas Whiting Lewis Burwell
Goochland	John Woodſon Thomas Mann Randolph
Halifax	*Nathaniel Terry Walter Coles
Hampſhire	*James Mercer *Abram Hite
Hanover	William Macon, Jr. Patrick Henry, Jr.
Henrico	*Richard Randolph Richard Adams
Iſle of Wight	*Richard Baker *James Bridger
James City	Robt. Carter Nicholas Lewis Burwell
Jameſtown	*Champion Travis
King and Queen	*William Lyne John Taylor Corbin
King George	*Charles Carter William Robinſon
King William	*Carter Braxton *Bernard Moore
Lancaſter	*Richard Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis Peyton *Joſias Clapham
Louiſa	*Thomas Johnſon *Richard Anderſon
Lunenburg	*Thomas Pettus *Lodowick Farmer
Mecklenburg	*Robert Munford *Matthew Marrable
Middleſex	*Gawin Corbin Edmund Berkeley
Nanſemond	Lemuel Riddick *Willis Riddick
New Kent	Burwell Baſſett *William Clayton
Norfolk	*John Wilſon Thomas Newton, Jr.
Norfolk Borough	*Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	*Severn Eyre *John Burton
Northumberland	Spencer Mottrom Ball *Peter Preſley Thornton
Orange	*James Walker Thomas Barbour
Pittſylvania	*John Doneſon *Hugh Innes
Prince Edward	*Thomas Scott Paſchall Greenhill

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.

Prince George	Richard Bland Peter Poythreſs	Surry	Thomas Bailey Hartwell Cocke
Prince William	Henry Lee *Fouſhee Tebbs	Suſſex	*David Maſon *James Bell
Princeſs Anne	*Edward Hack Moſeley, Jr. *John Ackiſs	Warwick	William Harwood William Digges
Richmond	*Robert Wormeley Carter *Francis Lightfoot Lee	Weſtmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Southampton	Edwin Gray Henry Taylor	Williamſburg	Peyton Randolph
Spotſylvania	*Roger Dixon *Benjamin Grymes	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelſon, Jr.
Stafford	John Alexander *Thomſon Maſon		

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Changes in the Perſonnel, 1771.

Amelia	Robert Munford ſucceeded Thomas Tabb
Brunſwick	John Jones ſucceeded Nathaniel Edwards
Loudoun	James Hamilton ſucceeded Joſias Clapham
Middleſex	Edmund Berkeley ſucceeded Philip Ludwell Grymes
Nanſemond	Willis Riddick ſucceeded Benjamin Baker
Northumberland	Peter Preſley Thornton ſucceeded Samuel Eſkridge
Princeſs Anne	Chriſtopher Wright ſucceeded Edward Hack Moſeley
The College	John Page ſucceeded John Blair, Jr.

By his Excellency, the Right Honourable Norborne Berkeley, Baron Botetourt, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the 25th day of next month, and *whereas* I find no urgent occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that time; I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, farther to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the 4th *Thurſday* in *Novem*r. next [If it was intended the Aſſembly ſhould meet at the above mentioned time it would have been proper to add, at which time I require their attendance at the Capitol in Williamſburg for the diſpatch of public buſineſs]

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamſburg*, this 27th day of *Sep*r. 1770, and in the 10th year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Botetourt.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

By the Honorable Wm. Nelson. Esq. Preſident of the Council & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Gen[l]. Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the 4[th] *Thurſday* in this month and I find no urgent occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation in his Majeſty's Name further to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the 3d *Thurſday* in *May* next.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamſburg*, this ſixth Day of *November*, 1770, and in the eleventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

William Nelson.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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By the Honorable Wm. Nelson Esq. Preſident of the Council & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the third *Thurſday* in this Month, and I find no urgent Occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly meeting at that Time; I have therefore, thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majeſty's Name, further to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly, to the third *Thurſday* in *October* next.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, this firſt Day of *May* 1771, and in the eleventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

William Nelson.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

By the Honorable Wm. Nelson. Esq. Preſident of the Council & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the third *Thurſday* in *October* next, and *whereas* it is judged expedient that the ſaid Aſſembly ſhould meet ſooner; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and conſent of his Majeſty's Council, to appoint *Thurſday*, the eleventh Day of the next Month for that Purpoſe; at which Time their Attendance is accordingly required at the Capitol in *Williamſburg*.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony this 13th Day of *June*, in the 11th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1771.

William Nelson.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

JOURNAL

of the

HOUSE OF BURGESSES

Thursday, the 11th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

A *Meſſage* from the Preſident by *John Blair*, the younger, Eſq; Clerk of the Council.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Preſident commands this Houſe to attend his Honour immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Houſe went up to attend his Honour in the Council Chamber.

And being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported, That the Preſident was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which, Mr *Speaker* ſaid, he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

The very great and heavy loſſes which many reſpectable Gentlemen, Merchants and other Inhabitants of this Colony, have ſuſtained by the late overflowing of the Rivers (as expreſſed in their Memorial, a Copy of which ſhall be delivered you) have inclined me, with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to call you together at this unexpected Time, that you may have the earlieſt Opportunity of conſidering what ought to be done for the ſpeedy Relief of the Sufferers by ſo general and extenſive a Calamity.

The unfavorable Influence which this unhappy Event muſt have on the credit of ſome, in which many of the People might be deeply involved, if the Conſideration of it ſhould be long deferred, I hope will be a ſufficient Apology for my convening you at this Seaſon of the Year, when I know your own private Affairs require your more immediate Care and Attention.

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I have deſired the principal Sufferers to be prepared, againſt this Meeting, with a particular State of their ſeveral Loſſes, to be immediately laid before you, that the Buſineſs may take up as little of your Time as poſſible; and as the Relief which may be expected muſt originate with you, I cannot but, in the warmeſt Manner, recommend their Caſe to your ſerious Conſideration; not in the leaſt doubting but that thoſe Sentiments of Juſtice, Honour, and Humanity, which have been your Guide in all ſimilar Inſtances, will, upon this Occaſion alſo, form the Rule of your Conduct.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

Humbly to ſubmit to the Hand of Providence in every Diſpenſation, is the indiſpenſable Duty of us all; but I conſider it as equally incumbent on us, to endeavor to heal the Wounds which this Stroke hath given, as far as our Situation, and the Circumſtances of the Country, will permit; for my own Part, I feel ſo ſenſibly for the Sharers in this melancholy Cataſtrophe, that I ſhall be happy, if, by my Aſſent to your Reſolutions, I can be, in any Degree, inſtrumental in alleviating their Diſtreſſes.

I ſhould be wanting in the Duty I owe to his Majeſty, and the affectionate Regard I bear

to

to this Country, if I did not embrace this firſt Opportunity which hath offered ſince the Adminiſtration devolved upon me, of publicly condoling with you on the Death of our moſt worthy Governor, the Right Honourable Lord Botetourt; *a Loſs, the more to be lamented by us, as we were the frequent Witneſſes of his Excellency's conſtant and uniform Exertion of every public and private Virtue, and had abundant Reaſon to be convinced that he made the real Happineſs of this Colony an Object of his moſt ardent Wiſhes. But, though we may be deſirous of paying a juſt Tribute of Praiſe and Gratitude to ſuch exalted Merit, let us be comforted, from this Perſuaſion, that the ſame favourable Attention and Regard to the true Intereſts and Welfare of his Majeſty's faithful Subjects of* Virginia, *which led to the appointment of this noble Lord to preſide over us, will ever incline our moſt gracious Sovereign to fill the ſame Department with a Succeſſor, equally entitled to our dutiful and affectionate Eſteem.*

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honour the Preſident returning him the Thanks of this Houſe for his kind and affectionate Speech; earneſtly to condole with him on the Death of our late excellent Governor, expreſſing our firm Reliance on his Majeſty's Goodneſs in repairing ſo great a Loſs to his dutiful Subjects of *Virginia;* to congratulate his Honour on his Succeſſion to the Adminiſtration of this Government, a juſt Reward of his long and faithful Services to his Majeſty and this Country, aſſuring him of the Satiſfaction and Happineſs we enjoy in having a Gentleman of his diſtinguiſhed Abilities and known Attachment to the true Intereſts of this Colony to preſide over us, and that we will take the important Buſineſs, he hath been pleaſed to recommend, under our immediate and moſt ſerious Conſideration, and do therein whatever, by the Principles of Juſtice, Honour and Humanity may be dictated to us.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Preſident, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland* and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*.

Ordered, That the Preſident's Speech to the Council and this Houſe be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Preſident had delivered to him the Memorial of the Merchants and other Inhabitants of this Colony, mentioned in his Honour's Speech, and deſired him to lay it before the Houſe.

And he delivered the *Memorial* in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Preſident's Speech be taken into Conſideration Tomorrow.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Preſident's Speech.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Brunſwick*, in the Room of Mr *Nathaniel Edwards*[1], jun. deceaſed; and that Mr *Bland* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out, for the electing of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Northumberland*, in the room of Mr *Samuel Eſkridge*[2], deceaſed; and that Mr *Richard Lee* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Princeſs Anne*, in the Room of Mr *Edward Hack Moſeley*[3], jun. who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of Clerk of the Court of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Newton* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out

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out, for the electing of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Nanſemond*, in the Room of Mr *Benjamin Baker*[1], who ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of one of his Majeſty's Coroners of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Riddick* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the College of *William and Mary*, in the Room of Mr *John Blair*[2], jun. who, ſince his Election for the ſaid College, hath accepted the Office of Clerk of his Majeſty's Council; and that Mr *Jefferſon* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Middleſex*, in the Room of Mr *Philip Ludwell Grymes*[3], who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Nelſon* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Charlotte*, in the Room of Mr *Paul Carrington*[4], who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of his Majeſty's Deputy Attorney in the Court of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Coles* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Eight of the Clock.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council, and acquaint them that the Chaplain will attend to read Prayers at Eight of the Clock every Morning, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That *James Lavie*, *Robert Hyland*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, be continued Door-keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, the 12th of July. 11 Geo. III. 1771.

SEVERAL *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, have long laboured under many Grievances from the inconvenient Situation of their County Court-Houſe; and therefore praying the Houſe to make Application to the commanding Officer of the Colony to iſſue his Writ of Adjournment, and appoint the Court to be held at ſome Place neareſt to the Center of the County.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be deferred till the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

A *Petition* of ſeveral perſons, reſiding in the Frontier Parts of this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Times appointed by Law for General Muſters of the Militia are inconvenient; and therefore praying, that the General Muſters may be in the Months of *October* and *November* annually.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of all ſuch Propoſitions and Petitions as were at the laſt Seſſion of the General Aſſembly deferred till the preſent Seſſion, and all ſuch Public Claims, Propoſitions, and Petitions, as have come and ſhall come certified to this Seſſion, be deferred till the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

Several *Accounts* of the Tobacco damaged by the late Freſh in the public Warehouſes at *Shockoe's*, *Rocky Ridge*, *Byrd's*, *Warwick*, *Falmouth*, and *Dixon's* were preſented to the Houſe.

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[1] Willis Riddick. [2] John Page. [3] Edmund Berkeley. [4] Carrington re-elected.

And the *Titles* of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend M^r *Henley*, the Reverend M^r *Gwatkin*, the Reverend M^r *Hewitt*, and the Reverend M^r *Bland*, for the wiſe and well timed Oppoſition they have made to the pernicious Project of a few miſtaken Clergymen, for introducing an *American* Biſhop; a Meaſure by which much Diſturbance, great Anxiety, and Apprehenſion, would certainly take Place among his Majeſty's faithful *American* Subjects; and that M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, and M^r *Bland*, do acquaint them therewith.

M^r *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to the Preſident, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To the Honourable WILLIAM NELSON, Eſq; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of BURGESSES.

SIR,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to return your Honour our unfeigned Thanks for your very affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.*

Our deep Senſe of the Loſs this Country ſuſtained by the Death of our late excellent and worthy Governor, the Right Honourable Lord Botetourt, *cannot but excite in us all the Warmth of the moſt ſincere Affection and Gratitude to his Memory, and we heartily lament, with your Honour, upon an Event ſo unfortunate to this Country.*

When we reflect on his Lordſhip's unremitted Zeal in promoting the Cauſe of Religion and Virtue; On that Dignity, tempered with ſo becoming and proper a Degree of Affability, with which he filled his exalted Station; when we recall to our Remembrance his Excellency's unwearied Diligence and Activity in Buſineſs, and his uniform Exertion of every public and private Virtue, we have the ſtrongeſt Conviction that he made the real Happineſs of this Colony the Object of his moſt ardent Wiſhes: We ſhould, therefore, think ourſelves wanting in Duty to his Majeſty, and in the Regard we owe to our Country, did we not ſeize this firſt Opportunity of publicly paying a juſt Tribute to ſo high a Character. Our chief Conſolation ariſes from a firm Perſuaſion, that our Gracious Sovereign will, in his great Goodneſs, be pleaſed to appoint a Governor, to preſide over us, equally worthy of the Royal Confidence, and of our dutiful and affectionate Eſteem.

But, Sir, however we may deſire to do Juſtice to the Memory of one, who ſo deſervedly gained our Regard and Affection, we are very far from being unmindful of what is due to your Honour, and hope you will be perſuaded that we enjoy great Satiſfaction and Happineſs in having a Gentleman of your Honour's diſtinguiſhed Abilities and known Attachment to the true Intereſt of this Country, to preſide over us; we, therefore, moſt ſincerely congratulate your Honour on your Succeſſion to the Adminiſtration, which we conſider as a juſt Reward of your long and faithful Services to his Majeſty and his dutiful Subjects of Virginia.

Moſt earneſtly concurring, with your Honour, in deploring the Calamities occaſioned by the late dreadful overflowing of the Waters, and heartily commiſerating the Diſtreſſes of the unhappy Sufferers, we will proceed to take their Caſe under our immediate and ſerious Conſideration; and we aſſure your Honour that we will, in the Courſe of our Deliberations, endeavor to follow, as our beſt and ſureſt Guides, thoſe Principles of Juſtice, Honour and Humanity, which, we truſt, in all ſimilar Inſtances, and upon every other Occaſion, have formed the Rule of our Conduct.

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Preſident.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to the Preſident by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen, who drew up the ſaid Addreſs, do wait upon the Preſident, to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhall attend his Honour, to preſent their Addreſs.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Preſident's Speech;

Ordered, That the Memorial of the Merchants and other Inhabitants of this Colony, mentioned in the Preſident's Speech, and Yeſterday ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Accounts of the Tobacco damaged by the late Freſh in the public Warehouſes, at *Shockoe's*, *Rocky Ridge*, *Byrd's*, *Warwick*, *Falmouth*, and *Dixon's*, which were this Day ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Proprietors of Tobacco inſpected, and damaged in the ſeveral Public Warehouſes, by the late Freſh, except ſuch Tobacco as had remained in the Warehouſes above a Year, ought to be paid for their Loſſes by the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Proprietors of Tobacco, delivered at the ſeveral Public Warehouſes, and not viewed for want of Leiſure in the Inſpectors to do the ſame, and damaged, ought to be reimburſed for their ſaid Loſſes by the Public.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained, by means of the late Freſh, as well in the Tobacco inſpected, as in ſuch as was brought to be inſpected, but not viewed, at the ſeveral Public Warehouſes, except ſuch Tobacco as had remained in the ſaid Warehouſes above a Year.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Poythreſs*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Baſſett*, Mr *Rutherford*, Mr *Marſhall*, Mr *Robinſon*, Mr *Coles*, Mr *Ball*, and Mr *Wood;* and they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and report their Proceedings to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records for their Information.

Reſolved, That eleven of the ſaid Committee be a ſufficient Number to proceed in the Buſineſs referred to them.

Ordered, That Mr *Hynd Ruſſell* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, the 13th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

MR *Bland* reported to the Houſe, that the Preſident having been waited on, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, to know his Pleaſure when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended this Day in the Council Chamber, and to ſay he would acquaint the Houſe, by a Meſſenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Addreſs.

Two *Members* returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken

taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Freeholders, of the County of *Henrico*, and others, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Warehouſes at *Shockoe's* and *Byrd's*, in the ſaid County, are inconveniently ſituated, being on low Land, ſubject to be overflowed by the River; that the late Freſh not only deſtroyed and damaged large Quantities of Tobacco in the ſaid Warehouſes, but alſo, in great Meaſure, filled up the Channel of the River leading thereto; and that it will be for the Advantage of the Public to diſcontinue thoſe Inſpections, and to appoint others in their Room, about half a Mile below, on the upper End of the Land of Mr *Charles Lewis*, which is higher Ground, and near to a good Landing; and therefore praying that one or more Inſpections of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of the ſaid *Charles Lewis*, at that Place.

Alſo ſeveral *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Amherſt*, *Buckingham*, *Goochland*, and *Henrico*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Petitions for diſcontinuing the Inſpections at *Byrd's* and *Shockoe's*, and eſtabliſhing them on the Land of *Charles Lewis*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the moſt convenient Places for eſtabliſhing thoſe Inſpections at, are the Lands diſtinguiſhed in the Plan of the Town of *Richmond* by the Names of *Bowyer's* and *Houſling's* Tenements; and that the Channel of the River from *Shockoe* Wharf, by Means of private Subſcriptions, will probably be ſoon opened, and made as fit for Navigation as ever, a Sum of Money, ſufficient for that Purpoſe, having been already raiſed; and therefore praying, that Inſpections, in the Room of *Byrd's* and *Shockoe's*, if they ſhould be diſcontinued, may be eſtabliſhed on the ſaid Tenements, called *Bowyer's* and *Houſling's*; or that this Honourable Houſe, until they can be ſatisfied it is practicable to reſtore the ſaid Channel, will ſuſpend their determination, as to the Situation of the ſaid Inſpections.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions do lie upon the Table.

A *Petition* of *John Sharp* and *William Lyon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, on the twenty-ſixth Day of May laſt, diſcovering an extraordinary Riſe of Water, the Petitioners, who were Tenders at *Dixon's* Warehouſes, with the 7
Aſſiſtance of ſome Perſons by them hired, rolled out of the middle Warehouſe and ſaved one hundred and fifty-four Hogſheads of Tobacco ſtored therein, which would otherwiſe have been deſtroyed by the Freſh, and, after the Waters abated, returned the Tobacco into the Houſe again; and therefore praying, that this Honourable Houſe will allow them a reaſonable Satiſfaction for their Trouble.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Preſident by Mr *Blair*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Preſident is now ready to receive the Addreſs of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and being returned, he reported that the Houſe had attended the Preſident, with their Addreſs, to which his Honor was pleaſed to give this Anſwer:

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, I return you my ſinſere Thanks for this kind Addreſs.*

It gives me particular Pleaſure to find, that in doing Juſtice to the Memory of the late Right Honourable Lord Botetourt, *your Ideas of his Excellency's great Merit appear ſo conformable to thoſe I had conceived of him.*

The Approbation with which you are pleaſed to honour my poor Endeavors for his Majeſty's

Majeſty's Service, and the Happineſs of his Subjects of Virginia, *affords me the highest ſatiſfaction; for which you will be pleaſed to accept my moſt grateful Acknowledgements.*

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to enquire what Laws will expire at the End of this Seſſion, and to report their Opinion to the Houſe which of them are fit to be continued.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Bailey*, Mr *Thomas*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *Glouceſter*, Mr *Stith*, Mr *Howard*, Mr *Barbour*, Mr *Henry Pendleton*, Mr *Macon*, Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph*, Mr *Greenhill*, and Mr *Edmondſon;* and they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to impower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to elect a Veſtry; and that Mr *Bland*, and Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Auguſta*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Several *Petitions* of the Inhabitants in the Fork of *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers, in the County of *Culpeper*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioners live much further from the Court-Houſe in their own County, than they do from the Court-Houſe in the County of *Orange;* and therefore praying that ſo much of the County of *Culpeper* as lies between the *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers, may be added to the County of *Orange*.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be deferred till the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next nine of the Clock.

Monday, the 15th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

A *Petition* of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Fauquier*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in Behalf of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that before the late Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, made by Act of General Aſſembly, a Majority of one hundred Tithables, by Agreement, was to be left therein, but that by the Line eſtabliſhed the ſaid Pariſh hath, inſtead of a Majority, ſixty Tithables fewer than the other Pariſh of *Leeds;* and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for dividing the ſaid Pariſhes by a Line beginning at the Place mentioned in the ſaid Act of Aſſembly, and running from thence in a direct Courſe to the Mouth of *Carter's* Run, which will include ſuch a Number of Tithables as the Petitioners think themſelves entitled to by the ſaid Agreement.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Funds for the Redemption of the Paper Currency iſſued during the late War, and that they ſtate an Account thereof, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Henry*, and Mr *Baniſter*.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee who were appointed to enquire what Laws would expire at the End of this Seſſion, and to report their Opinion to the Houſe which of them are fit to be continued, that the Committee had enquired accordingly, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act, made in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and diſciplining*

[1] Hening, VII, p. 93.

diſciplining the Militia, which was continued by an Act made in the thirty-ſecond Year of his ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, and was continued and amended by two Acts, made in the third and ſeventh Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, will expire at the end of this ſeſſion of General Aſſembly, and ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Robert Donald* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, the Day before the late Freſh, the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Warwick*, upon *James* River, by Direction of the Petitioner, had turned out from the Public Warehouſes, at that Place, ſixty-one Hogſheads of Tobacco, in order to be forthwith ſhipped for Exportation, twenty-nine of which Hogſheads had been inſpected at *Warwick*, and the Remainder, having been inſpected at *Milner's* Warehouſes, was re-landed at *Warwick*, for which the Petitioner had paid the Rent of re-landed Tobacco; that, before the Tobacco could be taken off, the Waters roſe between the Warehouſes and the Place where the re-landed Tobacco was; that the ſaid re-landed Tobacco was put into Houſes belonging to the Petitioner, near the Public Wharf, in order to preſerve it, but was ſoon carried off, with the ſaid Houſes; that the Tobacco Inſpected at Warwick was returned into the Warehouſes, which were alſo carried away; that the Inſpectors had not delivered out the ſhipping Manifeſts for the ſaid Tobacco; that the Petitioner, as ſoon as it was in his Power, procured the ſaid Tobacco to be overhauled, and that it is now drying, and properly attended to; but the Petitioner apprehends there will be a Loſs of one hundred Pounds, on the Tobacco inſpected at *Warwick*, and of one hundred and fifty Pounds, on that re-landed from *Milner's;* and therefore praying ſuch Relief as this Honourable Houſe ſhall think juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the Counties of *Auguſta*, *Botetourt*, *Hanover*, and *Albemarle*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the warm Springs, in the Counties of *Auguſta* and *Botetourt*, had been found to be very ſalutary to the deſeaſed and infirm, who had drank of their Waters, but that it is very difficult for the Perſons who moſt want that Relief, to procure it, there being no good Roads to thoſe Places; and that great Advantages would be derived to the Country, by opening and clearing ſuch Roads thither; and therefore propoſing, that a Sum of Money, ſufficient for the Purpoſe, may be allowed by the Public, to open a ſafe and good Road from the warm Springs to *Jenning's* Gap; that a Turnpike be eſtabliſhed, at the Paſs of the warm Springs Mountains, with a reaſonable Toll, for keeping the Road in Repair; and that Truſtees be appointed to receive Subſcriptions, as well for keeping the Road in Repair, as for building Houſes for the Reception and Security of the poor Sick who reſort to the Springs, and to fee the public and private Money, appropriated for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, faithfully applied.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Petition* of *Littleton Dennis* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that twenty-eight Hogſheads of Tobacco, containing twenty-eight thouſand two hundred and ſeventy-three Pounds Weight, belonging to the Petitioner, had been lately conſumed by Fire, in the Public Warehouſe at *Naſſwaddox;* and therefore praying that the Value thereof may be paid to him by the Public, according to the Directions of the Act of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed

appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Table of the Fees to be paid to the Clerk of this Houſe, for Copies of private Acts, and of other Papers; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Henry*, and Mr *Baniſter*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 16th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

ORDERED, That the ſeveral Petitions of ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Henrico*, and others, for diſcontinuing the Inſpections of Tobacco at *Shockoe's* and *Byrd's*, in the ſaid County, and for eſtabliſhing in their Room, Inſpections on the Land of *Charles Lewis*, and alſo the ſeveral Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Amherſt*, *Buckingham*, *Goochland*, and *Henrico*, in Oppoſition thereto, which, upon *Saturday* laſt, were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Memorial* of *Luke Luker* and *John Walter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Warehouſes eſtabliſhed at *Naſſwaddox*, in the County of *Northampton*, at which they Act as Inſpectors, were lately burnt by Accident, and forty-two Hogſheads of inſpected Tobacco, weighing forty-two thouſand five hundred and ninety-four Pounds nett, conſumed therein; and therefore referring it to the Conſideration of the Houſe, to provide for repairing the Loſs of the Sufferers, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh, as well in the Tobacco inſpected, as in ſuch as was brought to be inſpected, but not viewed, at the ſeveral Public Warehouſes, except ſuch Tobacco as had remained in the ſaid Warehouſes above a Year, that the Committee had examined and ſtated Accounts of the Loſſes accordingly, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Your *Committee* beg Leave to inform the Houſe, that upon examining the Accounts of all the Inſpectors of the ſeveral Warehouſes at *Shockoe's*, *Byrd's*, *Rocky Ridge*, and *Warwick*, they find the total Loſs of the Tobacco, at the ſaid Warehouſes, to amount to 2,375,541 Pounds of Tobacco; and that the Expences attending the examining, ſorting, and reprizing the ſaid Tobacco amount to 244*l.* 8 *s.* 6 *d.* a particular Account of which is ſtated in a Schedule annexed to this Report.

Your *Committee* beg Leave further to inform the Houſe, that at the Time of the Freſh 107 Hogſheads of uninſpected Tobacco were lying at *Byrd's* Warehouſe, which the Inſpectors have ſince viewed, 87 Hogſheads of which were paſſed, and carried to the Credit of the Proprietors, after cutting off 9266 Pounds damaged, which ought to be allowed to the ſeveral Proprietors; the other 20 Hogſheads were refuſed, and put by to be picked.

That

That 131 Hogſheads of uninſpected Tobacco, ſuppoſed to be carried away from *Shockoe's*, have been found, and perſons have been employed by the Inſpectors to pick and reprize them, but no Account is yet returned of the Quantity ſaved.

It further *appears* to your Committee, that the Inſpectors at *Shockoe's*, *Byrd's* and the *Rocky Ridge*, not having proper Houſes to hold the Tobacco, and not being able to hire Hands ſufficient to examine all the damaged Tobacco under their own immediate View, did, by the Advice of ſeveral Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, contract with ſundry Perſons to take ſeveral Hogſheads of damaged Tobacco to their Houſes, to be ſorted and reprized, and to allow them one third or one half of the Tobacco (as it was more or leſs damaged) that ſhould be ſaved; under which Agreement ſeveral Hogſheads were by the Inſpectors delivered out, of which none have yet been accounted for, except 8 Hogſheads returned to *Rocky Ridge;* ſo that the Savings upon this Tobacco cannot, at this Time, be aſcertained, but it appears that it will probably amount, in the Whole, to about 400 Hogſheads, after paying the Salvage agreed for, including the Tobacco the Inſpectors have ſaved themſelves, of which they cannot, at this Time, render a particular Account.

It further *appears* that at *Shockoe's* were 79 Hogſheads, and at *Byrd's* 24 Hogſheads of Tobacco refuſed, and put by to be picked, and which were damaged.

Your *Committee* are informed that a conſiderable Number of Hogſheads of Tobacco have been taken up by ſeveral Perſons, living upon *James* River, below the ſaid Warehouſes, great Part of which have been ſaved. And your Committee beg Leave to give it as their Opinion, that the Tobacco ſo ſaved ſhould be inquired into, and if it ſhould appear it was carried from any of the Public Warehouſes, that it ought to be accounted for to the Public, after allowing a reaſonable Salvage.

It further *appears* that about 800 Hogſheads of Tobacco were loſt in *Dixon's* and *Falmouth* Warehouſes, on *Rappahannock* River, but as the Inſpectors are not attending, and their Accounts are not upon Oath, the Committee have ſent for them, and cannot adjuſt that Loſs until they ſhall attend.

Dr. The Public for Tobacco deſtroyed by the late Freſh at the ſeveral Warehouſes upon *James* River. Cr.

To *Shockoe's* Inſpectors,.....	1,480,028	By old Tobacco at *Shockoe's* inſpected above a Year,....	17,614
To Col. *William Cabell*,.....	1,768		
To M[r] *John Woodſon*,.....	1,307	Balance to be paid for at *Shockoe's*.....	1,467,338
To Col. *Wilſon Miles Cary*,.....	1,849		
	1,484,952		1,484,952
To M[r] *Field Trent* for eight Hogſheads of Tobacco, the Weights not aſcertained.....		By eight Hogſheads of old Tobacco at *Byrd's* inſpected above a Year,.....	8,436
To *Byrd's* Inſpectors on Crop Tobacco,.....	766,145	Balance to be paid for at *Byrd's* ..	773,336
To ditto on Tranſfer Tobacco ...	15,627		781,772
To *Warwick* Inſpectors, to be paid for, ...	781,772 41,165	By Tobacco ſaved at *Rocky Ridge*, ...	235,720
		By ditto,.....	4,058
To *Rocky Ridge*	341,450	By old Tobacco inſpected above a Year, ...	7,970
Caſh Account Dr.		Balance to be paid for,.....	93,702
l. s. d.			341,450
To *Shockoe's* Inſpectors,.....49 10 6			
To Col. *William Cabell*, ... 2 12 6			
To M[r] *John Woodſon*,..... 15			
To *Byrd's* Inſpectors..... 33 15 6			
To *Rocky Ridge* Inſpectors 157 15			
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Ordered

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing Money to repair the Loſſes of Tobacco ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for repairing the Loſſes of Tobacco ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh, a Sum of Paper Money, ſufficient for the Purpoſe, be emitted.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for ſinking the Paper Money, to be emitted for repairing the Loſſes of Tobacco ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh, Taxes be impoſed upon Tobacco exported, and upon Wheel Carriages, Ordinary Licences, and Writs.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, and Mr *Riddick*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 17th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

A *Petition* of the Inſpectors at *Shockoe's*, *Byrd's*, and *Rocky Ridge* Warehouſes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioners had undergone great Labour, in looking after and ſecuring the Tobacco damaged by Means of the Freſh, in the Month of *May* laſt, and tranſcribing their Books, and preparing fair Copies of their Accounts, to be laid before this Honourable Houſe, and had been put to conſiderable Expence in attending at *Williamſburg* ever ſince the meeting of this General Aſſembly; and therefore praying that they may be allowed a reaſonable Satisfaction.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Robert Donald* was referred, that the Committee had conſidered the ſame, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as prays to be allowed by the Public, for the Loſs the Petitioner ſuſtained upon the Tobacco inſpected at *Warwick* Warehouſe, and damaged by the late Flood, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying to be allowed by the Public for the Loſs ſuſtained upon the Tobacco inſpected at *Milner's* Warehouſe, and relanded at *Warwick* Warehouſe, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Peter Pelham*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, was preſented to the Houſe, 12
and read; praying that the uſual Salary of forty Pounds per Annum may be continued.

Reſolved, That the Sum of forty Pounds, per Annum, be allowed to *Peter Pelham*, as Public Gaoler, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of the Reverend *Alexander Gordon*, Clerk, Rector of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Law, which was propoſed laſt Seſſion of General Aſſembly, for raiſing the price of his Tobacco, or paying it in Kind, but did not receive the Aſſent of the *Governor*, was founded in Juſtice and Equity; That the Petitioner ſuffers more Toil and Fatigue in attending his Cure, than moſt other Clergymen in the Colony; and that his Salary, as it is now paid, is not adequate to his Expence and Trouble; and therefore praying that this Houſe will grant him ſuch Redreſs as ſhall appear juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Petition* of *William Wilkinſon* and *John Pinchback*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Waddy's* Warehouſes, in the County of *New Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the ſaid Warehouſes were broken open the eighth Day of *July* laſt, and five hundred and thirty-ſix Pounds of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſame, for which the Petitioners had been obliged to pay; and therefore praying that they may be repaid for the ſaid Tobacco.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to elect a Veſtry; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that his Salary, as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and therefore praying that the ſame may be further continued.

Reſolved, That the Sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds per Annum, be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending as many Copies of the Laws to the County Court Clerks as there are acting Juſtices in the Commiſſion, in each reſpective County, and one other, which is to be Half Bound, for the Uſe of the Court, and ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Huſtings, in the City of *Williamſburg*, and Borough of *Norfolk*, and printing Inſpectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and Public Advertiſements.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that large Quantities of Tobacco are annually brought from *North-Carolina* to this Colony, and inſpected, and ſold here moſtly for Gold and Silver, which is carried out 14
from hence, and paſſed at higher Rates than it is here; and that the Owners of ſuch Tobacco do not contribute any Thing towards building and ſupporting Bridges, and clearing and repairing Roads; and therefore praying that a Duty be laid upon Tobacco, imported from *North-Carolina*, and that the Value of Gold and Silver Coin in this Colony be made equal to Sterling, or to what it paſſeth for in the neighbouring Colonies.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Petition* of *William Tebbs* and *Thomas Attwell*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Quantico* Warehouſes, in the County of *Prince William*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Warehouſes have long been, and yet are, in a ruinous Condition

tion, notwithstanding the petitioners have done all in their Power to get them repaired; and that by Means of their Inſufficiency, and of the driving Rains this Summer, large Quantities of the Tobacco ſtored in the ſaid Houſes, have been ſo damaged, that the Owners refuſe to receive them; and therefore praying that the Houſe will take the Matter into Conſideration, and ſo provide that the Petitioners may be indemnified for the Loſs they are likely to ſuſtain, without any Default in them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Table of Fees, to be paid to the Clerk of this Houſe, for Copies of private Acts, and of other Papers, that the Committee had prepared a Table accordingly, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſaid Table of Fees was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For a Copy of an Act of General Aſſembly	0	15	0
For a Copy of any other Paper, for every twenty Words,	0	0	2

Reſolved, That the Clerk of this Houſe be governed by the ſaid Table, in receiving his Fees.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia;* and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which were Yeſterday reported, and agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for enabling the Inſpectors at *Byrd's*, *Shockoe's*, and *Rocky Ridge* Warehouſes, to pay ſuch Tobacco as they have ſaved, out of what was damaged in the ſaid Houſes, by Means of the late Freſh, in Diſcharge of their Tranſfer Notes, reſpectively.

A *Petition* of *John Heath* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that a Negro Man Slave, named *Jacob*, belonging to *George Parker*, and hired by the Petitioner, was drowned in endeavoring to ſave ſome of the Tobacco, carried out of *Falmouth* Warehouſe, and floating down the River, in the late Freſh; and therefore praying that the Value of the ſaid Negro may be paid by the Public.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A *Petition* of *William Rind* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in Obedience to an Order of this Honourable Houſe, he has Half-Bound twelve hundred Copies of the Acts of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and delivered them to the reſpective County Court Clerks; and paying a reaſonable Allowance for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is *referred* to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Lee*, and Mr *Henry Lee*.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the ſeveral Counties of *Amherſt*, *Buckingham*, *Goochland*, and *Henrico*, were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral

[1] Hening, VII, p. 93.

ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petitions as prays that the Public Warehouſes, at *Shockoe's*, and *Byrd's*, may be removed to a Place not ſubjected to be overflowed by the Waters, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions, which pray that the ſaid Warehouſes may be removed to *Bowyer's* and *Houſling's* Tenements, in the Town of *Richmond*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions which pray that the ſaid Warehouſes may be removed to *Lewis's* Land, below the Town of *Richmond*, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which were Yeſterday reported, and agreed to by the Houſe, that they make Proviſion, in the ſaid Bill, for diſcontinuing the Inſpections at *Shockoe's* and *Byrd's*, and eſtabliſhing them on *Bowyer's* and *Houſling's* Tenements, in the Town of *Richmond*.

A *Petition* of *Edward Briſbane*, of the Town of *Peterſburg*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner had, at the Time of the late great riſing of the Waters, in *James River*, twenty ſeven Hogſheads of Tobacco, in the Public Warehouſes, at Bermuda Hundred, which Tobacco was brought from the Falls of *James* River, and put under their Care, according to Law, being intended for Exportation, but came too late to be taken on board the Ship, towards whoſe Load it was deſigned; and that the ſaid Tobacco, in the ſaid Warehouſes, was very much damaged, but that, by the Care and Vigilance of the Inſpectors at *Peterſburg*, to which Place, by Direction of the Petitioner, the ſame, after it was damaged, had been brought, fifteen Hogſheads, and a Parcel of about five hundred Pounds Weight, are ſaved; and therefore praying, as to the Reſidue of the ſaid Tobacco, that this Houſe will grant him ſuch Relief as ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Young*, of the County of *Dinwiddie*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that a Slave called *Moſes*, belonging to the Petitioner, having been ſome time abſent from his Maſter's Service, and having committed Thefts and Outrages in the Neighbourhood, and being outlawed, in due Form, was apprehended and brought before a Magiſtrate, and charged with Felony, and there being ſtrong Proofs of his Guilt, was ordered by the Magiſtrate to be carried to Priſon, but that the ſaid Slave, before he could be committed, died, through ſome Miſmanagement, as is ſuſpected, in the Perſons who apprehended and were conveying him to the Court-Houſe; and therefore praying that this Honourable Houſe will grant ſuch Relief to the Petitioner as ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Bill* for further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M[r] *Archibald Cary*, and M[r] *Bland*.

A *Bill* to empower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta* to elect a Veſtry, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VII, p. 93.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Auguſta*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 18th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was prefented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that Part of the Act of General Aſſembly, intituled *an Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, allowing the Purchaſers of Tobacco to have the ſame reviewed, is unreaſonable; and therefore praying that that Part of the ſaid Act may be repealed, or that the Owner of Tobacco, unjuſtly refuſed, may have a Review as well as the Purchaſer.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

17 Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act*[2] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of the Inſpectors at *Dixon's* and *Falmouth* Warehouſes, was prefented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the petitioners had undergone great Labour and Fatigue, in looking after and ſecuring the Tobacco damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, by the late Freſh, tranſcribing their Books, and preparing fair Copies of their Accounts and Proceedings, to be laid before this Honourable Houſe, and have been put to conſiderable Expence in traveling to, and attending at *Williamſburg;* and therefore praying that they may be allowed a reaſonable Satiſfaction.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which were, upon *Tueſday* laſt, reported, and agreed to by the Houſe, that they make proviſion in the ſaid Bill for removing the Warehouſes at *Falmouth* Inſpection.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,
The Council have agreed to the Reſolve for paying the Public Printer his Salary.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of *William Rind* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 93.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petitioner be allowed three Shillings for every Book of the Laws of laſt Seſſion, which he ſhall prove, before the Treaſurer, to have been delivered for the Uſe of the Public.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That there be paid to *William Rind*, Printer to the Public, three Shillings for every Book of the Laws of laſt Seſſion, that he ſhall prove, before the Treaſurer, to have been delivered for the Uſe of the Public.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Rowland Ward* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth 15
that his Negro Man Slave, named *Cæſar*, having been duly outlawed, was killed in an Attempt to apprehend him; and that the ſaid Slave was valued, by the Court of *Amelia* County, to the Sum of one hundred Pounds; and therefore praying that the Value of the ſaid Slave may be paid to him by the Public.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to impower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to elect a Veſtry, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendment was twice read, and upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Importation of Tobacco from *North-Carolina* to this Colony is very detrimental to the Trade of the latter; and therefore praying that ſuch Importation may be prohibited or reſtrained.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine and ſtate Accounts of the Loſſes ſuſtained by Means of the late Freſh, as well in the Tobacco inſpected, as in ſuch as was brought to be inſpected, but not viewed, at the ſeveral Public Warehouſes, except ſuch Tobacco as had remained in the ſaid Warehouſes above a Year, that the Committee had examined and ſtated Accounts of the Loſſes of the Tobaccoes of *Dixon's* and *Falmouth* Warehouſes, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It *appears* to your Committee that the total Loſs of Tobacco at the ſaid Warehouſes amounts to ſeven hundred and eighty-five thouſand ſix hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco; and that the Expences attending the ſorting and reprizing the ſaid Tobacco amount to one hundred and eleven Pounds ſix Shillings and ſix Pence; that forty-eight thouſand nine hundred and two Pounds were ſaved out of the damaged Tobacco, and ſold by the Inſpectors, by the Advice of *King George* County Court, for four hundred and fifty-nine Pounds eighteen Shillings and four Pence, a particular Account whereof is ſtated in a Schedule annexed to this Report.

It further *appears* to the Committee, that about fifty Hogſheads of uninſpected Tobacco, and thirty Hogſheads that had been refuſed and not picked, were carried from *Falmouth* Warehouſe by the Freſh.

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The Public	Dr. lbs. Nett.	Contra	Cr. lbs. Nett.
To the Inſpectors at *Dixon's* Warehouſe for 152 Hogſheads of Crop Tobacco damaged.....	156,584	By 10 Hogſheads of old Tobacco which have been inſpected above a Year,.....	9,284
To the Inſpectors at *Falmouth* Warehouſe for 630 Hogſheads of Crop Tobacco damaged	651,916	Balance to be paid by the Public,.....	147,300
			156,584
		By 14 Hogſheads of old Tobacco which have been inſpected above a Year, ...	13,566
		Balance to be paid by the Public,	638,350
			651,916

Cash	Dr. l.	s.	d.	Contra	Cr. l.	s.	d
To ſundry Expences for ſorting and prizing damaged Tobacco,.....	111	6	6	By Caſh for 48,902 lbs. of Tobacco ſold by the Inſpectors, by Advice of the Court of the County of *King George*,....	372	2	4
				By Caſh for wet Tobacco ſold,..	87	16	
					459	18	4

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen, appointed to prepare and bring
19 in a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which were, upon *Tueſday* laſt, reported and agreed to by the Houſe, that they make proviſion, in the ſaid Bill, for paying the Owners of the Tobacco loſt and damaged in *Dixon's* and *Falmouth* Warehouſes by the late Freſh.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the ſeveral Petitions of the Inſpectors at *Shockoe's*, *Byrd's*, and *Rocky Ridge* Warehouſes, *Edward Briſbane*, and *William Tebbs*, and *Thomas Attwell*, were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of the Inſpectors at *Shockoe's*, *Byrd's*, and *Rocky Ridge* Warehouſes, praying to be allowed by the Public for their extraordinary Trouble in ſorting and reprizing the damaged Tobacco, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed fifteen Pounds each, for their Trouble in the ſaid Service; and that *Turner Southall*, *Daniel Price*, and *Matthew Branch*, ought to be allowed five Pounds each, for their Expences in attending the ſaid Committee, with their Accounts.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Edward Briſbane*, praying to be allowed by the Public for the Loſſes ſuſtained upon the Tobacco, damaged by the late Flood, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Tebbs* and *Thomas Attwell*, Inſpectors at *Quantico* Warehouſe, praying to be allowed for the Tobacco damaged therein, by Rain, is reaſonable; and that Commiſſioners ought to be appointed to examine, ſtate, and ſettle an Account thereof.

The *two* firſt *Reſolutions* of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, and the *Queſtion*

Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Tebbs* and *Thomas Attwell*, Inſpectors at *Quantico* Warehouſe, praying to be allowed for the Tobacco damaged therein, by Rain, be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which were, upon *Tueſday* laſt, reported and agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for appointing Commiſſioners to examine the Condition of the Warehouſes at *Quantico*, at the Time the Tobacco mentioned in the Petition of *William Tebbs* and *Thomas Attwell* was damaged, and by what Accidents, or by whoſe Neglect, ſuch Damage, if any, happened; and to ſtate an Account of the ſaid damaged Tobacco; and to report their Proceedings to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Petition* of *William Hackney* and *Rowland Sutton*, Inſpectors at *Kemp's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that in the Night of the ninth Day of this Inſtant *July*, the Doors of the ſaid Warehouſe were broke open, and a Hogſhead of Tobacco, belonging to *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Eſq; weighing nine hundred and ninety-five Pounds Nett, was taken out of the ſaid Warehouſe, and all the Tobacco, except a few Bundles, carried away; and that the ſaid Loſs did not happen by any Neglect of the Petitioners, who are nevertheleſs liable to make the ſaid *Grymes* Satisfaction for the ſame; and therefore praying that this Honourable Houſe will afford them ſuch Relief as they ſhall think juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, the 19th of July, 11 Geo. III. 1771.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the ſeveral Petitions of the Inſpectors at *Dixon's* and *Falmouth* Warehouſes, and *John Sharpe* and *William Lyon* were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Newton* and *John Pollard*, Inſpectors at *Dixon's* and *Falmouth* Warehouſes, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed ten Pounds each for their Trouble and Expence in travelling to *Williamſburg*, and attending the Committee.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Sharpe* and *William Lyon*, praying to be allowed a reaſonable Satiſfaction for their Aſſiſtance in ſaving from the late Flood one hundred and fifty four Hogſheads of Tobacco at *Falmouth* Warehouſe, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[2] *for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VII, p. 93. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 503.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to pay the additional Sum of ſeventy-five Pounds to *Richard Bland* and *Patrick Henry*, Eſquires, for their Trouble and Expences in going as Commiſſioners to *New-York*, to meet with Commiſſioners appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade.

An engroſſed *Bill* to empower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to elect a Veſtry, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[1] *to empower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of* Auguſta, *in the County of* Auguſta, *to elect a Veſtry*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; and that Mr *Henry Lee* and Mr *Baſſett* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to elect a Veſtry, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing the Act, intituled An Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, *without any Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying to the Keeper of the Public Gaol his Salary.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act*, intituled An Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line the laſt, leave out '*one Year*', and inſert '*two Years*,' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Loſs of Tobacco damaged or burnt in ſeveral Warehouſes; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 504. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 503.

throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one; and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, the 20th of July. 11 Geo. III. 1771.

AN ingroſſed *Bill* for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Loſs of Tobacco damaged or burnt in ſeveral Warehouſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[1] *for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Loſs of Tobacco damaged or burnt in ſeveral Warehouſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[2] *for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an elegant Statue of his late Excellency the Right Honourable *Norborne*, Baron de *Botetourt* be erected in Marble at the Public Expence, with proper Inſcriptions, expreſſing the grateful Senſe this Houſe entertains of his Lordſhip's prudent and wiſe Adminiſtration, and their great Solicitude to perpetuate, as far as they are able, the Remembrance of thoſe many public and ſocial Virtues which adorned his illuſtrious Character. That the ſame be ſent for to *Great-Britain* under the Direction of the Honourable *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, and *Peyton Randolph*, Eſquires, *Robert Carter Nicholas*, *Lewis Burwell*, and *Dudley Digges*, Eſquires.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer pay for the Statue to be erected to the Memory of Lord *Botetourt* out of the public Money in the Treaſury.

Ordered, Mr *Bland* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That the Sum of fifteen Pounds be paid to each of the Inſpectors at *Shockoe*, *Byrd's* and *Rocky Ridge* Warehouſes; the Sum of five Pounds to *Turner Southall*, *Daniel Price*, and *Matthew Branch*, each; ten Pounds to *Luſby Turpin*, and five Pounds to *Thomas Cheatham*, Inſpectors at *Warwick;* and the Sum of ten Pounds to *William Newton* and *John Pollard*, each, for their Services in ſaving the Tobacco damaged in the Public Warehouſes, and their Trouble and Expences in travelling to *Williamſburg*, and attending the Houſe of Burgeſſes, with their Books and Accounts of the ſaid Tobacco. 23

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Reſolution to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums of Money following be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, *viz.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 493. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 505.

To *George Wythe*, Eſq; Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,		£ 75	0	0
To *John Blair*, jun. Eſq; Clerk of the General Aſſembly,		40	0	0
To the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price*, Chaplain,		20	0	0
To Mr *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,		30	0	0
To Mr *Hind Ruſſell*,		10	0	0
To *Jaſper Mauduit Gidley*,		10	0	0
To the Door Keeper of the Council,		8	0	0
To *James Lavie*, To *Robert Hyland*, To *William Hicks*, To *John Creagh*,	Door Keepers to the Houſe, each 8*l.*	32	0	0

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the enrolled Bills and Reſolves.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, and Mr *Jefferſon*.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Loſs of Tobacco damaged or burnt in ſeveral Warehouſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for erecting a Statue to the Memory of Lord* Botetourt: *And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying the Public Printer for binding the Books of the Acts of laſt Seſſion: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to ſeveral Inſpectors: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to the Officers of the General Aſſembly.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine the enrolled Bills and Reſolves, that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bills and Reſolves accordingly, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein; and that they are truly enrolled.

24 *Ordered*, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry the enrolled Bills and Reſolves to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair.*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have Inſpected the enrolled Bills and Reſolves and are ſatiſfied that they are truly enrolled.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

A *Meſſage* from the Preſident by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Preſident commands this Houſe to attend his Honour immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Honour, in the Council

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 493. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 505.

cil Chamber, where his Honour was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſeveral public and private Bills and Reſolves following, *viz.*

An Act[1] *for further continuing the Act intituled an Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*

An Act[2] *for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Loſs of Tobacco damaged or burnt in ſeveral Warehouſes.*

An Act[3] *to impower the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of* Auguſta, *in the County of* Auguſta, *to elect a Veſtry.*

An Act[4] *for the Eaſe and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

A *Reſolve* for erecting a Statue to the Memory of Lord *Botetourt.*

A *Reſolve* for paying four hundred and fifty Pounds per Annum to *William Rind*, the Public Printer.

A Reſolve for paying the Keeper of the Public Gaol his Salary.

A *Reſolve* for paying the Public Printer for binding Books of the Acts of laſt Seſſion.

A *Reſolve* for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to ſeveral Inſpectors.

A *Reſolve* for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to the Officers of the General Aſſembly.

After which his Honour was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, M[r] *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I am now to return you my Thanks for the Readineſs with which you have entered upon the Buſineſs I recommended to you, and for your conſtant Attention and Application to it.

I am perſuaded that your Conduct, on this Occaſion, will be highly approved by your Country in general, and that thoſe who will be relieved by the Act that is paſſed for that Purpoſe, will always think of you with Honour and Gratitude.

Before I part with you let me entreat the Favour of your Aſſiſtance, in your different Departments, to preſerve the Peace, Order, and good Government, in your ſeveral Counties, which, I have the Pleaſure to obſerve, have ſubſiſted during my ſhort Adminiſtration.

I will not detain you longer than to acquaint you that I have thought fit to prorogue this Aſſembly to the fourth Thurſday *in* October *next; and it is accordingly prorogued to that Time.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 503. [2] Ibid, VII, p. 493. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 504. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 505.

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HOUSE OF BURGESSES

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Burgeſſes.

Accomack	Southey Simpſon James Henry
Albemarle	Thomas Walker *Thomas Jefferſon
Amelia	John Winn John Tabb
Amherſt	William Cabell, Jr. Joſeph Cabell
Auguſta	John Wilſon Samuel McDowell
Bedford	*John Talbot *Charles Lynch
Berkeley	Robert Rutherford *Thomas Hite
Botetourt	Andrew Lewis John Bowyer
Brunſwick	John Jones Thomas Stith
Buckingham	Charles May Henry Bell
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	William Acrill Benjamin Harriſon
Charlotte	Paul Carrington James Speed
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary Benjamin Watkins
The College	John Page
Culpeper	Henry Pendleton Henry Field, Jr.
Cumberland	William Fleming Alexander Trent
Dinwiddie	Robert Bolling John Baniſter
Dunmore	*Francis Slaughter *Joſeph Watſon
Elizabeth City	Henry King Worlich Weſtwood
Eſſex	James Edmondſon William Roane
Fairfax	George Waſhington John Weſt
Fauquier	Thomas Marſhall James Scott
Frederick	Robert Rutherford James Wood
Glouceſter	Thomas Whiting Lewis Burwell
Goochland	John Woodſon Thomas Mann Randolph
Halifax	*Nathaniel Terry *Iſaac Coles
Hampſhire	*James Mercer Alexander White
Hanover	Patrick Henry, Jr. John Smith
Henrico	Richard Randolph Richard Adams
Iſle of Wight	James Bridger Richard Hardy
James City	Robt. Carter Nicholas Lewis Burwell
Jameſtown	Champion Travis
King and Queen	George Brooke John Tayloe Corbin
King George	Joſeph Jones William Fitzhugh
King William	Auguſtine Moore William Aylett
Lancaſter	Richard Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Thomſon Maſon Francis Peyton
Louiſa	*Richard Anderſon Dabney Carr
Lunenburg	Richard Claiborne Thomas Pettus
Mecklenburg	Matthew Marrable *Robert Munford
Middleſex	Edmund Berkeley James Montague
Nanſemond	Benjamin Baker Lemuel Riddick
New Kent	Burwell Baſſett Bartholomew Dandridge
Norfolk	Thomas Newton, Jr. James Holt
Norfolk Borough	Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	Severn Eyre John Burton
Northumberland	Peter Preſley Thornton Spencer Mottrom Ball

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.

Orange	Zachariah Burnley Thomas Barbour	Spotſylvania	George Stubblefield Mann Page, Jr.
Pittſylvania	*John Donelſon Hugh Innes	Stafford	John Alexander Yelverton Peyton
Prince Edward	Peter Legrand Paſchall Greenhill	Surry	Allen Cocke *Hartwell Cocke
Prince George	Richard Bland Peter Poythreſs	Suſſex	David Maſon Richard Blunt
Prince William	Fouſhee Tebbs Henry Lee	Warwick	William Harwood William Langhorne
Princeſs Anne	Edward Hack Moſeley, Jr. Chriſtopher Wright	Weſtmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Richmond	Robert Wormeley Carter Francis Lightfoot Lee	Williamſburg	Peyton Randolph
Southampton	Edwin Gray Henry Taylor	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelſon, Jr.

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Changes in the Perſonnel, 1772.

Buckingham	Charles May ſucceeded Benjamin Howard
Henrico	Samuel Duval ſucceeded Richard Randolph
King William	Auguſtine Moore ſucceeded Philip Whitehead Claiborne
Lunenburg	Thomas Pettus ſucceeded Henry Blagrave

By his Excellency, the Right Honourable John, Earl of Dunmore, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION
For diſſolving the General Aſſembly.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the fourth *Thurſday* in this Month. And whereas I have thought fit, for divers Conſiderations regarding his Majeſty's Service, to diſſolve the ſaid Aſſembly; I have therefore, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Majeſty's Council, iſſued this Proclamation, declaring the ſaid Aſſembly to be diſſolved; and it is hereby diſſolved accordingly. Of which all his Majeſty's Subjects within this Colony are required to take Notice.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 12th Day of *October*, 1771, and in the eleventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

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By his Excellency, the Right Honourable John, Earl of Dunmore, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly is ſummoned to meet on *Thurſday* the twelfth Day of next Month, and I find no urgent Occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that Time: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majeſty's Name, further to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the ſecond *Thurſday* in *January* next.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 20th Day *November*, 1771, and in the twelfth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Dunmore.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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By his Excellency, the Right Honourable John, Earl of Dunmore, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the ſecond *Thurſday* in *January* next, and I find no urgent Occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that Time: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majeſty's Name, further to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to *Thurſday* the 6th Day of *February* next; at which Time their attendance is required at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamſburg*.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg* aforeſaid, this 12th Day of *December*, 1771, and in the twelfth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Dunmore.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia. to wit:

His EXCELLENCY, JOHN, Earl of DUNMORE, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA, and Vice Admiral of the ſame, to *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell*, *George William Fairfax*, *John Page*, Eſquires, *James Horrocks*, Clerk, and *Ralph Wormeley*, Junior, Eſquire. KNOW YE that, by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me granted by his Majeſty, I do hereby authorize and impower you, the ſaid *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell*, *George William Fairfax*, *John Page*, *James Horrocks*, and *Ralph Wormeley*, Junior, or any two of you, to adminiſter the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Oath appointed to be taken by an Act of Parliament made in the ſixth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King GEORGE the Third, intituled *An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration, and the Aſſurance, and for amending ſo much of an Act of the ſeventh Year of her late Majeſty Queen* ANNE, intituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms, as after the Time therein limited requires the Delivery of certain Liſts and Copies therein mentioned to Perſons indicted of High Treaſon, or Miſpriſion of Treaſon;* as alſo the Teſt, to all ſuch Perſons as are or ſhall be returned to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, as Burgeſſes; as alſo to the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, or Clerks of any of the Committees of the ſaid Houſe, that ſhall be appointed during this Seſſion; and to cauſe them to ſubſcribe the ſaid laſt mentioned Oath, as alſo the Teſt; and to Adminiſter the Oath of Clerk to the Clerk of the ſaid Houſe; and alſo the Clerk or Clerks of Committees.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, the 4th Day of *February*, 1772, in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Third.

Dunmore.

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A PROCLAMATION.

Thursday, the 6th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

The Right Honourable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA, and Vice Admiral of the ſame, having, by Proclamation hereunto annexed, and Writs of Summons bearing Date of the 31ſt Day of *October* laſt, called the General Aſſembly to meet this Day; and having made a Commiſſion, under his Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, hereunto alſo annexed, to the Honourable *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell*, *George William Fairfax*, *John Page*, Eſquires, *James Horrocks*, Clerk, and *Ralph Wormeley*, Junior, Eſquire, for adminiſtering the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes; and ſeveral of the ſaid Commiſſioners attending in the Council Chamber, the uſual Place for adminiſtering the ſaid Oaths to the Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, at the Opening of a General Aſſembly; and *Benjamin Waller*, Eſquire, Clerk of the Secretary's Office, having delivered in a Book of the Names of ſuch Members as had been returned; and *George Wythe*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, attending, according to his Duty, the ſaid Commiſſioners adminiſtered the ſaid Oaths to ſuch Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes as then appeared; and there not being a ſufficient Number of them to proceed to Buſineſs, upon Information that the General Aſſembly was to be therefore prorogued, the Members went again to the Council Chamber, where the Proclamation was read for proroguing the General Aſſembly until To-morrow; which Proclamation is as followeth, *viz.*

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas this Day was by me appointed for the meeting of the General Aſſembly, but the Badneſs of the Roads has prevented the Number of Burgeſſes requiſite to make a Houſe from attending; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majeſty's Name, to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly until Tomorrow; at which Time their Attendance is required at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamſburg*, for the Diſpatch of public Buſineſs.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, aforeſaid, this 6th Day of *February*, 1772, and in the twelfth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Dunmore.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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A PROCLAMATION.

Friday, the 7th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

Several Members this Day appearing, being informed that the General Aſſembly was to be again prorogued by Proclamation, they went up to the Council Chamber; where the Proclamation was read, for proroguing the General Aſſembly until Tomorrow which proclamation is as followeth, *viz.*

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, this Day was by me appointed for the meeting of the General Aſſembly, but the Badneſs of the Roads has prevented the Number of Burgeſſes requiſite to make a Houſe from attending; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation, in his Majeſty's Name, to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly until Tomorrow; at which Time their Attendance is required at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamſburg*, for the Diſpatch of public Buſineſs.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 7th Day of *February*, 1772, and in the twelfth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Dunmore.

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A PROCLAMATION.

Saturday, the 8th of February, 12 Geo. III. 1772.

Several Members this Day appearing, being informed that the General Aſſembly was to be again prorogued by Proclamation, they went up to the Council Chamber; where the Proclamation was read, for proroguing the General Aſſembly until *Monday* next; which Proclamation is as followeth, *viz.*

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, this Day was by me appointed for the meeting of the General Aſſembly, but the Badneſs of the Roads have prevented the Number of Burgeſſes requiſite to make a Houſe from attending; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majeſty's Name, to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly till *Monday* next; at which Time their Attendance is required at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamſburg*, for the Diſpatch of public Buſineſs.

Dunmore.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

JOURNAL

of the

HOUSE OF BURGESSES

GENERAL Aſſembly, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of WILLIAMSBURG, on MONDAY the tenth Day of FEBRUARY in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini 1772.

On which Day, being the firſt Day of the meeting of this General Aſſembly, purſuant to the ſeveral Proclamations hereunto annexed, and the Writs, which had before iſſued for that Purpoſe, ſeveral of the Commiſſioners, named in the Commiſſion hereunto alſo annexed, attended in the Council Chamber, with the Clerk, and adminiſtered the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes to ſuch of the ſaid Members as then appeared; which being done, the Members all repaired to their Seats in the Houſe of Burgeſſes: After which a Meſſage was delivered by *John Blair*, Eſquire, Clerk of the General Aſſembly.

Gentlemen,
The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Houſe went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to them:

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,
You muſt return again to your Houſe, and immediately proceed to the choice of a Speaker.

And the Houſe being returned,

Richard Bland, Eſquire, one of the Members for the County of *Prince George*, addreſſing himſelf to the Clerk (who, ſtanding up, pointed to him, and then ſat down) put the Houſe in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and moved, that *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; who had, in ſeveral former General Aſſemblies, ſhewn himſelf to be every Way qualified for the Office, ſhould take the Chair of this Houſe, as Speaker: *And thereupon*,

Mr *Randolph* was elected without Oppoſition, and was taken out of his Place by two Members, who led him from thence to the Chair, and having aſcended the uppermoſt Step, and ſtanding there, Mr *Randolph* returned his Thanks to the Houſe for this recent Inſtance of their Approbation, and aſſured them that he would endeavor to conduct himſelf with Attention, Impartiality, and Steadineſs, in the Diſcharge of the important Duties of his Office.

And thereupon he ſat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this Houſe, in Obedience to his Commands, have made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend to preſent him; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Cary*, do wait upon him with the ſaid Meſſage.

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They accordingly withdrew, and, being returned, Mr *Bland* reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend an Anſwer by a Meſſenger of his own.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Blair*:

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* elect, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber; and he was pleaſed to declare his Approbation of their Choice.

Then Mr *Speaker* did, in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe, lay Claim to all their antient Rights and Privileges, particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protection for their Eſtates; and laſtly, for himſelf, requeſted that his Errors might not be imputed to the Houſe.

The Governor anſwered, that he ſhould take Care to defend them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges.

The Houſe being returned,

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was pleaſed to approve the Choice they had made of him to be their Speaker, and to grant and allow to them, upon Petition of Claim made by him to his Excellency, in the Name and on the Behalf of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, all their antient Rights and Privileges; particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protection for their Eſtates.

Mr *Speaker* alſo reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe; of which Mr *Speaker* ſaid, he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and*
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I am happy that the Circumſtances of the Colony, correſponding with my own Deſires, give me an Opportunity, ſo ſoon after my Entrance upon this Government, of procuring your Advice and Aſſiſtance, to enable me to execute the high and arduous Truſt, which is repoſed in me, in a Manner that may prove ſatiſfactory to our gracious Sovereign, by being beneficial to his faithful Subjects of this antient Dominion.

It is my ardent Wiſh, and ſhall be my conſtant Endeavor, that my Adminiſtration may be marked by uſeful Services to the Colony; to this End, if any Improvements can be introduced, upon wiſe and practicable Principles, you may depend on my zealous Co-operation; if proper Means can be fallen upon to direct the Skill, and invigorate the Induſtry of the People, in making the beſt Uſe of the natural Advantages of this Country, to which Providence has been ſo eminently bountiful; to regulate and encourage Agriculture, the Object of greateſt Concern to every Country, which cannot fail to extend your Commerce, open new Sources of Wealth, and add freſh Motives, of mutual Benefit, ſtill to increaſe the Dependance of this important Colony and the Parent Country on each other, it will be extremely agreeable to me to labour towards accompliſhing ſuch deſirable Purpoſes.

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I have nothing in particular to aſk of you at this Time: The Zeal for the public Good, which, I am perſuaded, will actuate all the Proceedings of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, renders ſuperfluous any Exhortations of mine, to excite you to avoid unneceſſary Delays, and thereby an Increaſe of Expences to your Conſtituents.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and*
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I have only to add, that you ſhall find me ready to concur with you in whatever is for the Intereſt and Advantage of your Country, fully confiding in the known Wiſdom and Loyalty of this diſtinguiſhed Aſſembly, that nothing will be offered me incompatible with

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my Duty to aſſent to; and, on all Occaſions, I ſhall be forward to promote the Welfare of the People of Virginia.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, returning him the ſincere Thanks of this Houſe, for his kind and obliging Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion; to congratulate him on his Appointment to this Government, expreſſing the great Pleaſure we receive in finding his Excellency ſo warmly diſpoſed to promote the Proſperity of this Country, and aſſuring him that we will, upon all Occaſions, do every Thing in our Power, conſiſtent with the Duty we owe our Conſtituents, to render his Lordſhip's Adminiſtration agreeable; and that we will proceed immediately to the Conſideration of the important Buſineſs of the Country, on which we are now aſſembled, and give it all the Diſpatch which the Nature of it will admit.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *Nelſon*.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech to the Council, and this Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That the Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Reverend *Thomas Price*, Clerk, be appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers, in the Houſe, every Morning, at nine of the Clock.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do go to the Council, and acquaint them that Mr *Price* is appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he will attend to read Prayers, in the Houſe, every Morning, at nine of the Clock.

Ordered, That *Robert Hyland*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, be appointed Doorkeepers to this Houſe; and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

A *Petition* of *William Jenings*, praying that he may be appointed another Doorkeeper, to this Houſe; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *Michael Maccarty* for the ſame; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *John Jones* for the ſame; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *William Drinkard* for the ſame; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *William Page* for the ſame; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *James Atherton* for the ſame,

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Doorkeeper be choſen by Way of balloting.

Ordered, That the Members of this Houſe do immediately prepare Tickets, to be put into a Glaſs, with the Name of the Perſon to be the ſaid Doorkeeper.

The *Glaſs* being accordingly brought in;

The *Clerk* went with the ſame, on each Side of the Houſe, to receive the ſaid Tickets:

And the *Members* having put in their Tickets, the Glaſs was brought up to the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Tickets; and that they do report to the Houſe upon which of the ſaid Petitioners the Majority falls.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Nelſon*, and Mr *Baſſett*, and they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had examined the Tickets accordingly, and that the Majority falls upon *William Drinkard;* and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was twice read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

William Drinkard,———— 28

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Drinkard* be appointed Doorkeeper to this Houſe; and that he give his Attendance accordingly.

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Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do provide a decent Suit of Clothes, with a great Coat, for every one of the Doorkeepers attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 11th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe that he had received a Letter from the Speaker of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly of the Province of *Maryland*, incloſing certain Reſolutions of the ſaid Lower Houſe of Aſſembly, relative to the erecting and ſupporting a Lighthouſe upon *Cape Henry*.

And he delivered the *Letter* and *Reſolutions* in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter and Reſolutions do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee, appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to return your Excellency our ſincere Thanks for your very kind and obliging Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.*

The appointment of a Ruler, of your Lordſhip's eminent and exalted Station, to preſide over this his Majeſty's antient Dominion, we cannot but eſteem a repeated Inſtance of the favorable Attention of our moſt Gracious Sovereign to his faithful Subjects of Virginia; *and therefore take the earlieſt Opportunity of congratulating your Excellency on an Event, from which we flatter ourſelves much Honour, and many ſignal Advantages, will be derived to this Colony.*

We receive, my Lord, with the utmoſt Satiſfaction, thoſe earneſt Declarations you are pleaſed to make of your warm Attachment to the true Intereſt and Proſperity of our Country, and beg your Lordſhip will be aſſured that we ſhall be ready, on all Occaſions, moſt chearfully to do every Thing in our Power, conſiſtent with the Duty we owe our Conſtituents, to make your Adminiſtration eaſy and agreeable to you.

We will, my Lord, immediately proceed to the important Buſineſs of the Country, on which we are now aſſembled, and give it all the Diſpatch which the Variety of Affairs, that may come under our Conſideration, will admit of.

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen, who drew up the ſaid Addreſs, do wait upon the Governor to know his Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhall attend his Excellency, to preſent their Addreſs.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, of the Town of *Suffolk*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that many Perſons reſiding in the ſaid Town, raiſe Hogs and Goats, and ſuffer them to run at Large therein, to the great Damage of the Petitioners and others; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to reſtrain the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town from permitting Hogs and Goats to go at Large within the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Riddick* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of the Magiſtrates of the County of *Surry*, and others, whoſe Names are thereunto

thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying that the Court of the ſaid County may be appointed to be held on the fourth *Tueſday* inſtead of the third *Tueſday* in the Month.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Bland* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Committee for Religion be appointed.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Digges*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Innes*, Mr *Bridger*, Mr *Winn*, Mr *Berkeley*, and Mr *Woodſon*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Matters and Things relating to Religion and Morality, and all ſuch as ſhall be from Time to Time referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Cary* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Digges*, Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter*, Mr *John Page*, Mr *James Henry*, Mr *Dandridge*, and Mr *Holt*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine, in the firſt Place, all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Starke* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed, either by the Houſe or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members, or their Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving, in the ſaid Liſts, the ſeveral Heads of Objections, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the ſitting Members do, by themſelves, or their Agents, within the ſame Time, deliver the like Liſts, on their Part, to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Digges*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Baſſett*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Poythreſs*, Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Bolling*, Mr *John Page*, Mr *Berkeley*, Mr *Burton*, and Mr *Baker*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly, and to report their Proceedings; with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee of Courſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Starke* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Cary*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *David Maſon*

Maſon, Mr *Bridger*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Poythreſs*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Burton*, Mr *Pettus*, Mr *Watkins*, Mr *Smith*, and Mr *Hardy*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Public Claims, referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims as ſhall be regularly certified and preſented to this Seſſion, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they have gone through the ſaid Claims. And all Perſons that have any Claims are to deliver them to the ſaid Committee of Courſe; and they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Hind Ruſſell* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph*, Mr *Pettus*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Weſtwood*, Mr *King*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Montague*, Mr *Blunt*, Mr *Langhorne*, Mr *James Henry*, Mr *John Jones*, Mr *Speed*, and Mr *Holt*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters, as ſhall from Time to Time, be referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to Inſpect the Journal of the laſt Seſſion, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe; and alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and report the ſame to the Houſe with their Opinions, which of them are fit to be revived and continued. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Everard* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Burton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Innes*, Mr *Baker*, Mr *Winn*, Mr *Travis*, Mr *Pettus*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Smith*, Mr *Bell*, and Mr *Wright*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be from Time to Time referred to them, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Cary* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That eleven of the Committees for Religion, Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances, and five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to proceed on Buſineſs.

A *Petition* of Mr *Henry Blagrave* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a greater Number of legal Freeholders voted for the Petitioner, at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, than for Mr *Thomas Pettus*, who was returned duly elected, and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Wills Cowper*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Negro Man Slave of the Petitioner, named *Frank*, who had ran away, having done Miſchief, and committed Thefts in the Neighborhood, whilſt he lay out, the Petitioner endeavoured to outlaw him, which he was prevented from doing, by ſeveral Accidents; and that, in the mean Time, the ſaid Slave being diſcovered by one *James Bates*, and not only refuſing to ſurrender, but attacking the ſaid *James Bates*, he the ſaid *James Bates*, in Defence of himſelf, diſcharged a loaded Gun at the ſaid Slave, by which he was irrecoverably wounded in one of his Legs, and ſoon after died; and therefore praying that the ſaid Petitioner may be allowed the Value of the ſaid Slave.

Ordered

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 12th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Mitchell*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Mitchell* be added to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Mr *James Henry*, and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, be added to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Nanſemond*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Bridge over the North Fork of the Weſtern Branch of *Nanſemond* River, from the Land of *Thomas Milner*, to the Land of *Jacob Darden*, would be very beneficial to many People who carry their Commodities to Market at *Milner's* Warehouſe, in the ſaid County, as well as to the Merchants trading there; and that the Expence of building a Bridge is propoſed to be wholly defrayed by Subſcribers, and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to impower ſome perſons to receive Subſcriptions, and, with the Money thereby raiſed, erect a Bridge at the Place aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *King William*, in the Room of Mr *Philip Whitehead Claiborne*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Aylett* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Buckingham*, in the Room of Mr *Benjamin Howard*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Bell* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had examined the Returns of ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had agreed upon a Report, which they had directed him to make to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Your *Committee* beg Leave to report to the Houſe, that no Return hath been made of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Halifax;* and that the Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Surry*, is made in the following Words, *viz.* "*This is to certify that by Virtue of this Writ, an Election was made for the County of* Surry, *and two Burgeſſes choſen, to wit,* Hartwell Cocke, *and* Allen Cocke, *Gentlemen, to ſerve the ſaid County; but* Thomas Bailey, *the then Sheriff, who was taken ill, and died before a proper Certificate of their being elected was made, and ſigned. Given under my hand this* 12th *Day of* February, 1772. William Bailey, *D. S.*"

The ſaid *Report* being read a ſecond Time;

A *Member* acquainted the Houſe, that, between the Teſte and Return of the ſaid Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve for the County of *Halifax*, there was no Sheriff qualified to execute the ſame: *And thereupon*,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the

the electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Halifax*, no Members having been returned to ſerve for that County by Virtue of the former Writ; and that Mr *Carrington* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That ſo much of the ſaid Report as relates to the Return of the ſaid Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve for the County of *Surry* be re-committed to the ſaid Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for altering the Court Day of *Surry* County and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported to the Houſe, that the Governor having been waited on, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, to know his Pleaſure when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended Tomorrow, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Council Chamber.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech;

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech to the Council and this Houſe be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Mr *Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the petition of *Wills Cowper*, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Petition* being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be re-committed to the ſaid Committee of Public Claims.

A *Petition* of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the Borough of *Norfolk*, and of ſeveral other Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that large Quantities of Gunpowder being frequently ſtored in Warehouſes, in the ſaid Borough, not to be retailed there, but to be tranſported to other Places, the Petitioners are juſtly apprehenſive their Perſons and property, in Caſe of Fire, are expoſed to great Danger, which they cannot effectually guard againſt, the Chamber of the Borough being deficient, and the Common Hall having no Power by a Tax to defray the Expence of providing a ſafe Repoſitory for ſo combuſtible an Article; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to empower the Common Hall of the ſaid Borough to aſſeſs, on the Inhabitants thereof, ſo much Money as will be ſufficient for buying a Lot of Ground, and building a Magazine, and to compel Perſons bringing Gunpowder to the ſaid Borough, to ſtore the ſame in the ſaid Magazine.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Lunenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, being of the Society of Chriſtians, called *Baptiſts*, find themſelves reſtricted in the Exerciſe of their Religion, their Teachers impriſoned under various Pretences, and the Benefits of the Toleration Act denied them, although they are willing to conform to the

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true Spirit of that Act, and are loyal and quiet Subjects; and therefore praying that they may be treated with the ſame kind Indulgence, in religious Matters, as *Quakers*, *Preſbyterians*, and other Proteſtant Diſſenters, enjoy.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 13th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members*, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of his Preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *to veſt certain intailed Lands in* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Eſquire, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof*, A Tract of Land, on *Turkey* Creek, in the County of *Hanover*, whereof the Petitioner was ſeized as Tenant in Tail, and the Boundaries of which were by the Act ſuppoſed to include fourteen Hundred and ſixty-ſix Acres and a Half, was veſted in him in Fee Simple, and certain Slaves, of greater or equal Value, were ſettled in Lieu thereof; and further ſetting forth, that the Survey of the ſaid Land, made before that paſſing of the Act, was erroneous, it appearing by a late accurate Reſurvey thereof, that within the ſaid Boundaries are contained no more than eleven Hundred and ſeventy-ſeven Acres, and therefore praying that out of the adjacent Lands, whereof the Petitioner is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Tail, the Deficiency, being two Hundred and eighty-nine Acres, may be veſted in him in Fee Simple.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and that Mr *Patrick Henry* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom it was re-committed, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election, for the County of *Surry*, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It *appears* to your Committee that the Writ for the ſaid Election came to the Hands of Mr *John Watkins*, then Sheriff of the ſaid County, who appointed the Election to be held at the Court-Houſe, on the 25th Day of *November*, and made due Publication of the ſaid Writ and Appointment; that before the Day of Election, Mr *Thomas Bailey* was appointed, and duly qualified, as Sheriff of the ſaid County, and on the ſaid 25th Day of *November*, at the Court-Houſe, proceeded to the making of the Election in a regular Manner; the Polls of which being laid before the Committee, the Numbers of Voters thereupon appear as followeth, *viz.*

For Mr *Hartwell Cocke*	176
Mr *Allen Cocke*	134
Mr *Charles Judkins*	95
Mr *William Simmonds*	59
Mr *William Allen*	16

Upon which Mr *Bailey*, the Sheriff, proclaimed Mr *Hartwell Cocke*, and Mr *Allen Cocke*, duly elected to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County; but before a Return was made of the ſaid Writ, and within a very few Days after the Election, the ſaid *Thomas Bailey* died, without making ſuch Return; and Mr *William*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 224.

William Bailey, who was a Deputy of the ſaid *Thomas Bailey*, and preſent and aſſiſting at the taking of the Poll, made the Certificate annexed to the Writ.

Upon the whole *Matter*, the Committee came to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Hartwell Cocke*, and *Allen Cocke*, ought to be admitted to their Seats in the Houſe, as Members for the ſaid County, notwithſtanding the Return of the ſaid Writ is not, and from the peculiar Circumſtances of the Caſe cannot be, made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Mr *Riddick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Hogs and Goats going at Large in the Town of *Suffolk;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Aylett*, and Mr *Claiborne*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Bolling*, Mr *Baſſett*, and Mr *Moſeley*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Aylett*, Mr *Holt*, Mr *Corbin*, Mr *Mann Page*, Mr *Brooke*, and Mr *Allen Cocke*, be added to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Moſeley* be added to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Mr *Corbin*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Reſolved, That all have Voices who come to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that this be declared a ſtanding Order of the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the Returns of ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compared the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Albemarle*, *Caroline*, *Charles City*, *Cumberland*, *Elizabeth City*, *Fauquier*, *Glouceſter*, *Hanover*, *King & Queen*, *King William*, *Lancaſter*, *Lunenburg*, *Nanſemond*, *New Kent*, *Norfolk*, *Northumberland*, *Pittſylvania*, and *York*, and for the City of *Williamſburg*, and Borough of *Norfolk*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Amelia*, *Auguſta*, *Botetourt*, *Brunſwick*, *Buckingham*, *Charlotte*, *Cheſterfield*, *Dinwiddie*, *Fairfax*, *Goochland*, *Henrico*, *James City*, *Iſle of Wight*, *Louiſa*, *Mecklenburg*, *Middleſex*, *Northampton*, *Prince George*, *Richmond*, *Southampton*, *Spotſylvania*, *Stafford*, *Suſſex*, *Warwick*, and *Weſtmoreland*, for the College of *William* and *Mary*, and for *Jameſtown*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed that the Sheriff of the County of *Iſle of Wight* attended;

Ordered, That the ſaid Sheriff do amend his Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Iſle of Wight;* and he amended the ſaid Return accordingly.

Ordered, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the other Counties in the laſt Reſolution mentioned, be amended by the Clerk at the Table; and the ſaid Returns were amended by the Clerk accordingly.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Blair;*

Mr *Speaker*,
The Governor is now ready to receive the Addreſs of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and being returned, he reported, that

that the Houſe had attended the Governor with their Addreſs, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to give this Anſwer:

Gentlemen,

I am obliged to you for this Addreſs, and for your Congratulations on the high Honour which his Majeſty has conferred upon me. I have ever conſidered the true Intereſt of Government, and of the People, to be inſeparable, and make this Principle the Rule of my Conduct; therefore I flatter myſelf that you will never have Cauſe to refuſe me the Support which you are now pleaſed to promiſe me.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had partly examined the Matter of the Petition of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Pettus*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lunenburg*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned either by the Petitioner, or ſitting Member, be examined before *Lyddal Bacon*, *Thomas Wynne*, *Eliſha Betts*, *Thomas Tabb*, *William Taylor*, *Anthony Street*, *Abraham Maury*, and *Jonathan Patterſon*, Gentlemen, or any five of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the ſaid Elections.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſame perſons, as to the Freeholds or other Qualifications of any Perſon, who voted at the ſaid Election, although ſuch Perſon ſwore to his Freehold at the Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons, before whom ſuch Examinations are taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit rents for, the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions they ſhall take before the 17th Day of *March* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitioner give the ſitting Member ten Days Notice of the Time and Place when and where he intends to examine his Witneſſes; alſo a Liſt in Writing of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing againſt each Name the ſeveral Heads of Exception; and that the ſitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid petition be referred to the ſaid 17th Day of *March* next.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 14th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had examined the Matter of ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton*, praying that an Act may paſs to impower them to take a Toll of all Waggons paſſing the Bridges over *Nottoway* River, within the ſaid County, be rejected.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Nanſemond*, praying that an Act may paſs to impower Perſons to receive Subſcriptions for building a Bridge over the *North* Fork of the *Western* Branch of *Nanſemond* River, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, and other Perſons, of the Borough of *Norfolk*, praying that an Act may paſs to impower the Common Hall of the ſaid Borough to aſſeſs on the Inhabitants thereof ſo much Money as will be ſufficient for buying a Lot of Ground, and building a Magazine, and to compel Perſons bringing Gunpowder to the ſaid Borough, to ſtore the ſame in the ſaid Magazine, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Bills be brought in upon the ſecond and third Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral perſons of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh are divided among themſelves by Party-ſpirit, which prevents their meetings, and interrupts their proceeding in the Affairs of the Pariſh, and that they are purſuing Meaſures detrimental to the Pariſhioners; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

M^r *Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Wills Cowper* had been referred, and to whom the Report of the Matter of the ſaid Petition was re-committed, that the Committee had further conſidered the Matter of the ſaid petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, from a Certificate of M^r *Joſiah Riddick*, from the County of *Nanſemond*, that he was applied to by *Wills Cowper*, on the 10^th Day of *February*, 1771, being *Sunday*, for an Outlawry againſt a Negro of the ſaid *Cowper's*, who was then run away; but as there was to be no Sermon that Day, he did not grant one. The *Sunday* following M^r *Cowper* ſent a Meſſage to M^r *Riddick*, to know if his Negro was outlawed, and, if not, deſired him to do it that Day. But there being a deep Snow on the Ground, M^r *Riddick* apprehending that there would be Nobody at Church, again neglected to make the Outlawry. That afternoon he was informed, that one *James Bates* had carried the Negro Home to his Maſter; but in taking him the Negro was ſo wounded, that he died in a ſhort Time afterwards. M^r *Riddick* certifies, that the ſaid Negro was, in his Opinion, worth ſeventy-five Pounds.

It further appears to your *Committee*, by the Depoſition of *James Bates*, that he (*Bates*) was informed that M^r *Cowper's* Runaway Negro *Frank* had ſtolen an Ax that Night; and that if he would go after him, the Negro might be taken. That *Bates* prevailed on his Brother to go with him; but being ſeparated in the Woods, the Deponent diſcovered a Camp, and in it the Slave in the petition mentioned, with a large Knife in one Hand, and a Club in the other. That he (*Bates*) ordered the Negro to ſurrender, or threatened that he would ſhoot him. The Negro told him to ſhoot, and be damned, and advanced upon him almoſt to the Muzzle of the Gun. *Bates*, thinking his Life in Danger, fired upon the Slave, and wounded him in the right Leg. On which the Negro knocked him down with the Club, and run off. As ſoon as *Bates* recovered, he called for his Companions, but they not joining him, he purſued the Negro himſelf, and in a ſmall Diſtance came up with him, and diſcovered him whetting his Knife on his Hand. *Bates* then clubbed his Gun, knocked the Fellow down, and wounded him in the Head with the Cock of his Gun, notwithſtanding which he would not ſubmit, till a Negro belonging

belonging to *Mills Riddick* came up. *Bates* then carried the Negro to his Maſter, who immediately ſent for a Doctor, and the Negro died, as the Deponent was informed, a few Days after, of a Mortification.

It *alſo* appears to your Committee, by the Depoſition of Doctor *Colqohoun*, that on the 17th Day of *February*, 1771, he was ſent for by Mr *Cowper* to a Negro of his who had been ſhot. That he found the Negro wounded in the right Leg, and on the Head. That, notwithſtanding all his Care, a Mortification came on in his Leg and Thigh, of which he died in a few Days.

It does not appear to your *Committee*, that the Negro had been Guilty of any Felony, or that his Maſter had made Application to any other Magiſtrate but Mr *Riddick*, for an Outlawry.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Slave ought not to be paid for by the Public.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Peter Pelham*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Salary of forty Pounds *per Annum*, granted to the Petitioner by the laſt General Aſſembly, will ceaſe at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, unleſs it be continued; and that, from the Scarcity and Dearneſs of Proviſions, it is difficult to afford a comfortable Subſiſtence to the unhappy Priſoners under his Care, out of the ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day, allowed for the Maintenance of each of them; and therefore praying that his Salary may be further continued, and that he may have ſuch other Relief as to the Houſe may ſeem reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *John Page* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

Mr *Patrick Henry* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge* is ſeized; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Thornton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Langhorne* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 15th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

16 MR *Woodſon* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, that the Committee had, according to Order, inſpected the Journal of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending, and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that at the firſt Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, it was ordered, that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Accomack*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided, and the Petition of ſeveral other Perſons of the ſaid County in Oppoſition to the ſaid Diviſion, were ſeverally referred, ſhould be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid petitions

petitions, and the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions was deferred till the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the *Brick-Houſe* Landing, on *Waſhington's* Land, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, may be declared a Public Landing, and a Road opened from thence to the *Weſtmoreland* main Road; *Alſo*

The *Petition* of divers of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Charlotte* and *Halifax*, praying that the Ferry over *Staunton* River, at *Fuqua's*, may be removed to a Ford two Miles above the ſaid *Fuqua's; Alſo*,

The *Petition* of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, praying that an Act may paſs directing Slopes to be made in Mill-Dams, and impowering certain Perſons to preſcribe the Method of making ſuch Slopes; *Alſo*,

The *Petition* of divers Inhabitants on *Goofe* Creek, in the County of *Bedford*, praying that *Jeremiah Early* may be compelled to open a Gate in his Mill-Dam, at the Mouth of the ſaid Creek, for the Admiſſion of Fiſh; *Alſo*,

The *Petitions* of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Stafford*, *King George*, and *Weſtmoreland*, for reforming the Boundaries of the ſaid Counties reſpectively; *And alſo*,

The *Petitions* of divers of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Richmond* and *Weſtmoreland*, in Oppoſition thereto, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to examine into the Matter thereof, and to report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe; that the ſaid Committee reported that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and were of the Opinion, in which the Houſe agreed, that the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions ſhould be referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly:

That the *Petition* of *Benjamin Grymes*, in Behalf of himſelf and his Creditors, to be allowed a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the Damage done their Slave, who was committed to Gaol for Hogſtealing, and was froſtbitten during his Confinement; *Alſo*,

The *Petition* of *John Doncaſtle*, ſetting forth that he long ſince had paid two hundred and fifty nine Pounds eighteen Shillings for the Hire of 2 Waggons 226 Days in the Service of this Colony, for which he never received Satiſfaction, having been prevented from an earlier Application to the Houſe, and praying Relief, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Committee of Public Claims, to examine into the Matter thereof, and to report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe; that the ſaid Committee reported that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and were of Opinion, in which the Houſe agreed, that the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions ſhould be referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

It alſo appears to this *Committee*, that at the ſecond Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, it was ordered that the Conſideration of all ſuch Propoſitions and Petitions as were deferred from the firſt till the ſecond Seſſion of Aſſembly, and all ſuch Public Claims, Propoſitions, and Petitions, as had come, or ſhould come, certified to the ſaid ſecond Seſſion, ſhould be deferred till the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly:

That ſeveral *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have long laboured under many Grievances, from the inconvenient Situation of their County Court Houſe, and praying the Houſe to make Application to the Commanding Officer of the Colony, to iſſue his Writ of Adjournment, and appoint the Court to be held at ſome Place neareſt to the Center of the County; *Alſo*,

Several *Petitions* of the Inhabitants in the Fork of *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers, in the County of *Culpeper*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners live much further from the Court-Houſe in their own County, than they do from the Court-Houſe in the County of *Orange*, and praying that ſo much of the County of *Culpeper* as is between the *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers may be added to the County of *Orange*; *Alſo*,

A *Petition* of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Fauquier*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in Behalf of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that before the late Diviſion of the

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ſaid Pariſh, made by Act of General Aſſembly, a Majority of one hundred Tithables, by Agreement, was to be left therein, but that, by the Line eſtabliſhed, the ſaid Pariſh hath, inſtead of a Majority, ſixty Tithables fewer than the other Pariſh of *Leeds*, and praying that an Act may paſs for dividing the ſaid Pariſhes, by a Line beginning at the Place mentioned in the ſaid Act of Aſſembly, and running from thence, in a direct Courſe, to the Mouth of *Carter's* Run, which will include ſuch a Number of Tithables as the Petitioners think themſelves entitled to by the ſaid Agreement; *Alſo*,

17 A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the Counties of *Auguſta*, *Botetourt*, *Hanover*, and *Albemarle*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the *Warm Springs* in the Counties of *Auguſta* and *Botetourt* had been found to be very ſalutary to the Diſeaſed and Infirm, who had drank of their Waters, but that it is very difficult for the Perſons who moſt want that Relief to procure it, there being no good Roads to thoſe Places; and that great Advantages would be derived to the Country by opening and clearing ſuch Roads thither, and propoſing that a Sum of Money, ſufficient for the Purpoſe, may be allowed by the Public, to open a ſafe and good Road from the *Warm Springs* to *Jening's* Gap; that a Turnpike be eſtabliſhed at the Paſs of the *Warm Springs* Mountains, with a reaſonable Toll for keeping the Road in Repair, and that Truſtees be appointed to receive Subſcriptions, as well for keeping the Road in Repair, as for building Houſes for the Reception and Security of the poor Sick who reſort to the Springs, and to ſee the Public and private Money appropriated, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, faithfully applied: *Alſo*,

A *Petition* of the Reverend *Alexander Gordon*, Clerk, Rector of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Law which was propoſed laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, for raiſing the Price of his Tobacco, or paying it in Kind, but did not receive the Aſſent of the Governor, was founded in Juſtice and Equity; that the Petitioner ſuffers more Toil and Fatigue in attending his Cure than moſt other Clergymen in the Colony, and that his Salary, as it is now paid, is not adequate to his Expence and Trouble, and praying that the Houſe will grant him ſuch Redreſs as ſhall appear juſt and reaſonable; *alſo*,

A *Petition* of *William Wilkinſon*, and *John Pinchback*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Waddy's* Warehouſes, in the County of *New Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Warehouſes were broken open the 8th Day of *July* laſt, and 536 Pounds of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſame, for which the petitioners had been obliged to pay, and praying that they may be repaid for the ſaid Tobacco; *alſo*,

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that large Quantities of Tobacco are annually brought from *North-Carolina* to this Colony, and inſpected, and ſold here, moſtly for Gold and Silver, which is carried out from hence, and paſſed at higher Rates than it is here, and that the Owners of ſuch Tobacco do not contribute any Thing towards building and ſupporting Bridges, and clearing and repairing Roads, and praying that a Duty be laid upon Tobacco imported from *North-Carolina*, and that the value of Gold and Silver Coin be made equal to Sterling, or to what it paſſeth for in the neighbouring Colonies; *alſo*,

A *Petition* of *John Young*, of the County of *Dinwiddie*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that a Slave called *Moſes*, belonging to the Petitioner, having been ſome Time abſent from his Maſter's Service, and having committed Thefts and Outrages in the Neighbourhood, and being outlawed in due Form, was apprehended and brought before a Magiſtrate, and charged with Felony, and there being ſtrong Proofs of his Guilt, was ordered by the Magiſtrate to be carried to Priſon, but that the ſaid Slave, before he could be committed, died through ſome Miſmanagement, as is ſuſpected, in the Perſons who apprehended, and were carrying him to the Court-Houſe, and praying that the Houſe will grant ſuch Relief to the Petitioner as ſhall ſeem juſt; *alſo*,

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that Part of the Act of General Aſſembly, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco

Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, allowing the Purchaſers of Tobacco to have the ſame reviewed, is unreaſonable, and praying that that Part of the ſaid Act may be repealed, or that the Owners of Tobacco, unjuſtly refuſed, may have a Review as well as the Purchaſer; *alſo*,

A *Petition* of *Rowland Ward*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that his Negro Man Slave, named *Cæſar*, having been duly outlawed, was killed in an Attempt to apprehend him, and that the ſaid Slave was valued, by the Court of *Amelia* County, to the Sum of one hundred Pounds, and praying that the Value of the ſaid Slave may be paid him by the Public; *alſo*,

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Importation of Tobacco from *North Carolina* to this Colony is very detrimental to the Trade of the latter, and praying that ſuch Importation may be prohibited, or reſtrained; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *William Hackney*, and *Rowland Sutton*, Inſpectors at *Kemp's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Night of the 9th Day of *July*, 1771, the Doors of the ſaid Warehouſe were broke open, and a Hogſhead of Tobacco belonging to *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Eſq; weighing 995 Pounds Nett was taken out of the ſaid Warehouſe, and all the Tobacco, except a few Bundles, carried away, and that the ſaid Loſs did not happen by any Neglect of the Petitioners, who are nevertheleſs liable to make the ſaid *Grymes* Satisfaction for the ſame, and praying that the Houſe will afford them ſuch Relief as they ſhall think juſt and reaſonable. And by the Houſe it was ordered, that the Conſideration of the ſaid ſeveral Petitions ſhould be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Accomack*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided, and a Petition of ſeveral other Perſons of the ſaid County in Oppoſition to the ſaid Diviſion; *and alſo*, the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the *Brick-Houſe* Landing, on *Waſhington's* Land, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, may be declared a Public Landing, and a Road opened from thence to the *Weſtmoreland* main Road; *and alſo*, the Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Charlotte* and *Halifax*, praying that the Ferry over *Staunton* River, at *Fuqua's*, may be removed to a Ford two Miles above the ſaid *Fuqua's*; *and alſo*, the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, praying that an Act may paſs, directing Slopes to be made in Mill-Dams, and impowering certain Perſons to preſcribe the Method of making ſuch Slopes; *and alſo*, the Petitions of divers Inhabitants on *Gooſe* Creek, in the County of *Bedford*, praying that *Jeremiah Early* may be compelled to open a Gate in his Mill-Dam, at the Mouth of the ſaid Creek, for the Admiſſion of Fiſh; *and alſo*, the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Stafford*, *King George*, and *Weſtmoreland*, for reforming the Boundaries of the ſaid Counties reſpectively, and the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Richmond* and *Weſtmoreland*, in Oppoſition thereto; *and alſo*, the ſeveral Petitions of the Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying the Houſe to make Application to the Commanding Officer of the Colony, to iſſue his Writ of Adjournment, and appoint the Court to be held at ſome Place neareſt to the Center of the County; *and alſo*, the ſeveral Petitions of the Inhabitants in the Fork of *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that ſo much of the ſaid County as lies between thoſe two Rivers may be added to the County of *Orange*; *and alſo*, the Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the Counties of *Auguſta*, *Botetourt*, *Hanover*, and *Albemarle*, propoſing that a Sum of Money ſufficient for the Purpoſe may be allowed by the Public to open a ſafe and good Road from the Warm Springs in the Counties of *Auguſta* and *Botetourt* to *Jening's* Gap, that a Turnpike be eſtabliſhed at the Paſs of the *Warm* Springs Mountains, with a reaſonable Toll for keeping the Road in Repair, and that Truſtees be appointed, as well for keeping the Road in Repair, as for building Houſes for the Reception and Security of the poor Sick, who reſort to the Springs, and to ſee the Public and Private Money appropriated for thoſe Purpoſes faithfully applied; and alſo the Petition of the Free-

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holders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, praying that a Duty be laid upon Tobacco imported from *North Carolina*, and that the Value of Gold and Silver Coin be made equal to Sterling, or to what it paſſeth for in the Neighbouring Colonies; *and alſo*, the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg* praying that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, as allows the Purchaſer of Tobacco to have the ſame reviewed, may be repealed, or that the Owners of Tobacco, unjuſtly refuſed, may have a Review, as well as the Purchaſer; *and alſo*, the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, praying that the Importation of Tobacco from *North Carolina* to this Colony may be prohibited or reſtrained; in the ſaid Report mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Benjamin Grymes*, in Behalf of himſelf and his Creditors, to be allowed a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the Damage done their Slave, who was committed to Gaol for Hogſtealing, and was froſtbitten during his Confinement; *and alſo*, the Petition of *John Doncaſtle*, praying to be reimburſed two hundred and fifty-nine Pounds and eighteen Shillings, paid for the Hire of two Waggons, employed 226 Days in the Service of this Colony; *and alſo*, the Petition of *William Wilkinſon*, and *John Pinchback*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Waddy's* Warehouſes, in the County of *New-Kent*, praying that they may be repaid for 536 Pounds of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe; *and alſo*, the Petition of *John Young*, of the County of *Dinwiddie*, praying that he may be paid for an outlawed Slave, who having been apprehended, and charged with Felony, died in his Way to Priſon, to which he was ordered to be committed, that he might be
19 tried for the Crime he was accuſed of; *and alſo*, the Petition of *Rowland Ward*, praying that the Value of his Slave *Cæſar*, who, having been duly outlawed, was killed in an Attempt to apprehend him, may be paid to him by the Public; *and alſo* the Petition of *William Hackney*, and *Rowland Sutton*, Inſpectors at *Kemp's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Middleſex*, praying to be allowed for a Hogſhead of Tobacco taken out of the ſaid Warehouſe, and carried away, in the ſaid Report mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Fauquier*, praying that an Act may paſs for dividing the ſaid Pariſh, and the Pariſh of *Leeds*, ſo as to include in the former ſome of the Tithables now in the other; *and alſo*, the Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Gordon*, Clerk, Rector of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, praying Redreſs, his Salary, as it is now paid, not being adequate to his Expence and Trouble, in the ſaid Report mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, being of the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *St. John*, in the County of *King William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of the Petition preſented to this Houſe, for diſſolving the ſaid Veſtry, and praying that the Petitioners may have Leave to vindicate their Conduct, and for that Purpoſe, that the ſaid Veſtry may be directed to attend, with their Clerk and Records, at ſuch Time as the Houſe ſhall enter into the Inquiry.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That M[r] *Eyre* be added to the Committee for Religion, and to the Committee of Trade.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Roane*, and Mr *Joſeph Jones* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Walker*, and Mr *Legrand* be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 17th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members*, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Bernard Markham*, Agent for the Eſtate of *Brett Randolph*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *Charles*, a Negro Slave, belonging to the ſaid Eſtate, having run away, the Petitioner procured a Proclamation of Outlawry to be iſſued againſt him, and afterwards the ſaid Slave was ſo wounded, in an Attempt to apprehend him, that he died, and that he had been valued by the Court of *Cumberland* County; and praying that the ſaid Valuation may be paid by the Public to the ſaid Eſtate.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *James Winfrey* was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner being ſummoned by the Sheriff of *Cheſterfield* County, to guard *Mark Edwards*, a Criminal, ſent from that County to the Public Gaol, the Petitioner's Horſe died on the Road through the Fatigue of that Journey; and therefore praying, that he may be allowed the Value of the ſaid Horſe by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to impower the Clerks of the County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Bland* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Carr*, Mr *Wright*, Mr *Fleming*, and Mr *Walker* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Carr*, Mr *Fleming*, and Mr *Walker*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell* and Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Andrew Lewis* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Land whereof *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge* is ſeized, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Smith*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Baſſett*, Mr *Dandridge*, Mr *Carr*, and Mr *Aylett*.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined the Matters of ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Wilkinſon*, and *John Pinchback*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Waddy's* Warehouſe, to be reimburſed for 536 Pounds of Tobacco, ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, for which they have ſatiſfied the Proprietor thereof, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of four Pounds ſixteen Shillings and Sixpence for the ſame.

On *Conſideration* of the Petition of *Rowland Ward* it appears to your Committee, that

that the Slave *Cæſar*, in the Petition mentioned, was duly outlawed, and killed in an Attempt to take him; that the Court of the County of *Amelia* valued him to one hundred Pounds; and that he had been thrice tried by the ſaid Court for Felony, and had once received the Benefit of Clergy.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of one hundred Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had partly examined the petition of ſeveral Perſons, of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved; *and alſo*, the Petition of ſeveral Members of the ſaid Veſtry in Oppoſition thereto, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

21 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petitions to be heard before the Committee on *Monday* the ſecond Day of *March* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh be ſerved with a Copy of the firſt mentioned Petition, and have ſeven Days previous Notice of the Time when the ſaid Petition is to be heard before the Committee.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry do attend the Committee at the Time aforeſaid, with the Veſtry Books relative to the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petitions; and that he be ſerved with a Copy of this Reſolution ſeven Days previous to the Time appointed for hearing the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 18th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had examined the Matters of ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Peter Pelham* as prays a Continuance of his Salary, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying a further Allowance for the Maintenance of Priſoners, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of the Inhabitants of *Richmond* County and others, praying that public Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, may be by Law re-eſtabliſhed on *Totuſkey* Creek, in the ſaid County, is reaſonable.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Sum of forty Pounds, *per Annum*, be paid to *Peter Pelham*, Keeper of

of the Public Gaol, as his Salary, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *ſecond* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ſubſequent* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe was moved, that Part of an Act, made in the twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[1] *for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful hunting and ranging*, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal a Clauſe of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful hunting and ranging;* and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Patrick Henry* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined the Matters of ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *James Winfrey*, to be allowed for a Horſe, which was impreſſed to convey a Guard over a Criminal to the Public Gaol, and died on the Way, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of twenty-four Pounds for the ſaid Horſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Bernard Markham*, Agent for the Eſtate of *Brett Randolph*, deceaſed, for an Allowance for *Charles*, a Negro Slave, belonging to the ſaid Eſtate, who was outlawed, and died of Wounds he received when he was apprehended, is reaſonable, and that the ſaid Eſtate ought to be allowed the Sum of eighty Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Raines* and *Lewis Brown*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Boyd's* Warehouſes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, during the laſt Year's Inſpection, two thouſand four hundred and thirty-four Hogſheads of Tobacco were received at the ſaid Warehouſes, whereby the Sum of three hundred and ſeventy-ſeven Pounds was paid into the Treaſury, and that the Petitioners are allowed only ſixty Pounds, each, for their Salary, which they conceive is not a Recompence for their Trouble; and further ſetting forth, that two thouſand eight hundred and thirty-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco had been ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſes, for which the petitioners had been obliged to pay the owners, at the Rate of twenty Shillings per Hundred Weight; and therefore praying, that they may be allowed ten Pounds each, for their great Trouble the laſt Year, with the like yearly Increaſe of Salary for the future; and that they may be reimburſed by the Public for the ſtolen Tobacco aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Clerks of County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* acquainted the Houſe, that he had a Meſſage from the Governor to this

[1] Hening, V, p. 408.

this Houſe, ſigned by his Excellency; and he preſented the ſame to the Houſe; and it was read by Mr *Speaker*, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I have thought proper to lay before you a Liſt of the Fees, which I found had been uſually paid to the Clerks of my Predeceſſors in this Government, but which has been objected to in one Inſtance ſince I have taken the Adminiſtration upon me. In order, therefore, to give the People over whom I have the Honour to preſide the cleareſt Proof of the Uprightneſs of my own Intentions, and to let them ſee my Readineſs to remove, as ſoon as I can diſcover it, every Poſſibility of a Diſpute between me and thoſe whoſe Affection I would gladly conciliate, I deſire you will take the ſaid Liſt of Fees under your Conſideration; and, as I ſuppoſe if they appear to be juſt and reaſonable to you, upon Compariſon of them with what is the Practice in ſimilar Caſes, in all other Governments, that you will have no Objections to the eſtabliſhing of them by Law; ſo, on my Part, if you judge otherwiſe of them, I ſhall not Heſitate at conſenting to aboliſh them all, or in Part, exactly as you ſhall think proper to propoſe.

Dunmore.

The Liſt mentioned in the ſaid Meſſage is as followeth, *viz.*

FEES uſually paid to the GOVERNOR'S CLERK.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*		*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
For County Lieutenant's Commiſſion	2	0	0	Coroner's	0	10	0
Colonel's	1	1	6	Mediterranean Paſs	1	15	0
Lieutenant Colonel's	1	1	6	Quarter Maſter's	1	0	0
Major's	1	1	6	Preſentation to a Pariſh	1	10	0
Sheriff's	1	5	0	Eſcheat Maſter	1	1	6
Principal Inſpector's	0	15	0	Comiſſary of Stores	1	1	6
Aſſiſtant Inſpector	0	10	0				

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Liſt of Fees therein mentioned.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders of the County of *Henrico*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that when the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County, came to the Hands of the then Sheriff, Mr *George Cox*, he appointed a Day for the Election, of which Notice was given in ſeveral Churches; but Mr *Cox's* Office expiring before the Day, the ſucceeding Sheriff, Mr *Nathaniel Wilkinſon*, undertook to appoint another Day, of which Notice was alſo given in the Churches; and in Conſequence of ſuch different Appointments, but few of the Freeholders attended; and further ſetting forth, that the Time between the laſt Appointment and the Election did not exceed eighteen Days, which the Petitioners conceive not to be the Notice by Law preſcribed; and that Mr *Wilkinſon*, when he did give Notice, was not qualified to execute his Office; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Election, which the Petitioners apprehend not to have been a proper one, may be declared void, and that a new Writ may iſſue for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Rutherford*, Mr *Wood*, and Mr *White* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered

Ordered, That Mr *Wood*, Mr *Rutherford*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee* be added to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *White* be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

A *Petition* of *William Hoye* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *Limbo*, a Negro Man Slave of one *John Glover*, having run away, a Proclamation of Outlawry iſſued againſt him, after which the Petitioner purchaſed him from the ſaid *Glover*; and that the ſaid Slave is dead of a Wound he received in the apprehending of him, and was valued to the Sum of eighty-five Pounds; and praying that the Value of the ſaid Slave may be paid to the Petitioner by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders of the County of *Henrico*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Members to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County, was referred, that the Committee had partly examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject-Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee on *Thurſday*, the 27th Day of this Inſtant.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 19th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

ORDERED, That Mr *Treaſurer* do lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Samuel Sherwin* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner's Negro Man Slave, named *Peter*, having been duly outlawed, was killed in an Attempt to take him, of which ſufficient Proof was made before the Court of the County of *Dinwiddie*, and that the ſaid Slave was valued, by the ſaid Court, to the Sum of ninety Pounds; and praying that the Value of the ſaid Slave may be paid him by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer*, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Bill* for altering the Court Day of *Surry* County was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Mr *Patrick Henry* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Land whereof *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge* is ſeized, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of *Surry* County, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, for altering the Court Day of the County of *Princeſs Anne*.

A *Bill* to impower the Clerks of County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Bland*.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, that the Committee had further inſpected the Journals of the laſt Aſſembly, and drawn up a State of another Matter then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that a Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Auguſta*, inhabiting that Part of the South Weſtern Frontier, known by the Name of *Holſton* and *New* River, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that they are very remote from the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, whereby they ſuffer many Inconveniences, and praying that the Settlements on the Waters of *Holſton* and *New* River may be made a diſtinct County; and, by Order of the Houſe, the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition was deferred till the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of Mr *Samuel DuVal*, of the County of *Henrico*, on behalf of himſelf, and the Freeholders of the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this Preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County, a greater Number of Freeholders voted for the Petitioner, who was one of the Candidates, than for Mr *Richard Randolph*, who was, with Mr *Richard Adams*, returned duly elected; and therefore praying that the Poll taken at the ſaid Election may be examined, and that the Petitioner may be declared duly elected a Burgeſs for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Bicknal* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Horſe of the Petitioner was impreſſed by a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of *Amherſt*, in Order to convey to the Public Gaol one *Thomas Welch*, who was charged with Horſe ſtealing, and ordered by the Court of the ſaid County to be tried for the ſaid Offence before the General Court and that the ſaid Sheriff, as he returned, being unable to lead the Horſe further than *Richmond* Town, left him there, in the Care of one *Archibald Mackendrix*, from whom the Horſe either ſtrayed or was ſtolen; and therefore praying, that the Petitioner may be allowed the Value of his Horſe ſo loſt in the Service of the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Loving*, Jun. and *Robert Montgomery*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that one *Andrew Lightle* being accuſed of Felony, and the Court of *Amherſt* County, upon his Examination, being of Opinion he ought to be tried for the ſaid Offence before the General Court, the petitioners were bound in a Recognizance to appear and teſtify on Behalf of the King, againſt the Priſoner upon his Trial, and did attend according to their Recognizance; but that, for Reaſons unknown to them, they were not called upon to be examined, and that their Attendance was not entered; and humbly ſubmitting their Caſe to the Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe, and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech:

Ordered

Ordered, That the Letter received by Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly of the Province of *Maryland*, and the Reſolutions of the ſaid Lower Houſe of Aſſembly, relative to the erecting and ſupporting a Light-Houſe upon *Cape Henry*, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

A *Petition* of *William Booth* and *Elizabeth* his Wife was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, in Right of the Wife, by Virtue of the Will of her Grandfather, *Henry Aſhton*, Gentlemen, deceaſed, are ſeized in Fee Tail, of five hundred Acres of Land, on *Nomony* River, in the County of *Weſtmoreland;* and that, if the Intail of the ſaid Land be docked, the petitioners will be able to make a better Proviſion, than they can otherwiſe do, not only for their younger Children, but for the Heir in Tail; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for docking the Intail of the ſaid Land, and empowering Truſtees to ſell the ſame, and lay out the Money raiſed by the Sale thereof in the Purchaſe of other Lands, of greater Value.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday the 20th of February. 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members*, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to prevent malicious maiming and wounding*; and that Mr *Gray*, and Mr *David Maſon* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower the Clerks of County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read; and upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, who were appointed to enquire what Laws are expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, or will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and to report their Opinion to the Houſe which of them are fit to be revived or continued, that the Committee had enquired accordingly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 10th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[2] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, which expired at the Meeting of this preſent Aſſembly, ought to be revived.

Reſolved

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1 Hening, VI, p. 250. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 394.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 7th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing a Treaſurer*, which was continued by another Act, made in the 10th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 19th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, which hath been continued by ſeveral Acts, and amended by four Acts, in the 1ſt, 3rd, 7th, and 8th, Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 12th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 10th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[3] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties, therein mentioned*, which will expire on the 21ſt Day of *December next*, ought to be continued and amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 3rd Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[4] *for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair*, which was amended and continued by another Act, made in the 7th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and which expired on the 16th Day of *December* laſt, ought to be revived.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 30th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[5] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, which was continued by ſeveral Acts, and amended by an Act, made in the 7th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 20th Day of *July* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 30th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[6] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act*, which hath been continued by three other Acts, made in the 3rd, 7th, and 10th, Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire the 8th Day of *June*, 1773, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[7] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, which was continued by ſeveral Acts, and amended by one Act, made in the 10th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *June*, 1773, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 25th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[8] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned;* and one other Act of Aſſembly, made in the 33rd Year of his ſaid late Majeſty's Reign intituled *An Act*[9] *to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, which have been continued by ſeveral other Acts, and which will expire on the 20th Day of *April* 1773, ought to be further continued, and amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 3rd Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[10] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, which was continued by two other Acts, made in the 7th and 10th Years of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 20th Day of *April*, 1773, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 5th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign,intituled *An Act*[11] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 211. [2] Ibid, V. p. 326. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 389. [4] Ibid, VII, p. 577.
[5] Ibid, VII, p. 93. [6] Ibid, VII, p. 106. [7] Ibid, VII, p. 265. [8] Ibid, VI, p. 217.
[9] Ibid, VII, p. 338. [10] Ibid, VII, p. 580. [11] Ibid, VIII, p. 147.

the Service ſhall be performed, and which was continued by another Act, made in the 7th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign (except as to the Counties of *Buckingham*, *Fauquier*, and *Loudoun*) and continued and amended by another Act, made in the 10th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *June*, 1773, ought to be further continued and amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 5th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, which was continued and amended by an Act, made in the 7th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and further continued by another Act, made in the 8th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and alſo continued and amended by another Act, made in the 10th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *October*, 1773, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 10th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[2] *for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William *and* Hanover *Counties the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*, which was amended by another Act made in the ſame Year, and which will expire the 21ſt Day of *December*, 1773, ought to be further continued.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the *firſt*, *ſecond*, *third*, *fourth*, *eleventh* and *thirteenth* Reſolutions of the Committee; and that the Committee for Courts of Juſtice do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the *fifth*, *ſixth*, *ſeventh*, and *twelfth* Reſolutions of the Committee; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the *eighth*, *ninth*, and *tenth* Reſolutions of the Committee; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of *Elizabeth City* County, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at the Public Warehouſe at *Hampton* may be diſjoined from that at *Denbigh*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid 28
Petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts; and that they do ſtate in Account, as well the Balance due from the late Treaſurer to the Public, as the ſeveral Funds by Law appropriated for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, together with the Amount of ſuch Notes remaining in Circulation; and that they do alſo ſtate an Account of the Balances now due from the ſeveral Sheriffs for Taxes, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Digges*, and Mr *Fitzhugh*.

The Houſe was moved, that Part of an Act, made in the thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act*[3] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion*, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal Part of an Act paſſed in the thirty

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 407. [3] Ibid, II, p. 458.

thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion;* and that Mr *Eyre*, Mr *James Henry*, and Mr *Bland* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Land whereof *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge* is ſeized, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Land whereof* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge *is ſeized.*

Ordered, That Mr *Patrick Henry* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Liſt of Fees therein mentioned.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Petition of Mr *Samuel DuVal* complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Richard Randolph* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Henrico*, was committed, that the Committee had partly examined the Matter of the ſaid *Petition*, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till *Friday* the twenty-eighth Inſtant.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Waller* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *Nathaniel Walthoe*, late of the City of *Williamſburg*, Eſquire, deceaſed, being ſeized of Meſuages, Lands, and Tenements, in this Colony, by his laſt Will and Teſtament in Writing, among other Things, deviſed all his Eſtate in *Virginia* to his Siſter *Henrietta*, and his Nieces *Mary Hart*, and *Martha Hart*, all of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, to be equally divided between them, but declared the Eſtate to be chargeable with all his Debts in *Virginia*, and with ſeveral Legacies; and of his Will appointed *Thomas Waller*, of *London*, Stationer, the petitioner, and *George Davenport*, who is ſince deceaſed, Executors and afterwards died ſeized; that the Petitioner having proved the Will, and ſold the Teſtator's perſonal Eſtate, paid ſuch of his *Virginia* Debts as appeared, and the ſaid Particular Legacies, and remitted conſiderable Sums of Money to the ſaid three Legatees in *Great-Britain*; that the ſaid *Henrietta*, *Mary*, and *Martha*, by Letter of Attorney, have appointed the petitioner to ſell all the Eſtate deviſed to them as aforeſaid, and he hath actually ſold two of the ſaid Tenements; but the Petitioner hath lately diſcovered, that the ſaid *Henrietta* was married, above twenty Years ago, to one Mr *Marmillod*, a Native of *Switzerland*, or *Sweden*, with whom ſhe removed to *France*, where he then reſided; and that ſhe ſoon after returned to *England*, and hath lived there ever ſince, ſeparate from her Huſband, who hath continued Abroad, and is now in *Denmark*; that ſhe is infirm, and wants Support, and hath, as the Petitioner is informed, Power from her Huſband to tranſact all their Affairs; and that the Huſband, being an Alien, hath not, as the Petitioner is adviſed, any Right in her Lands and Tenements; and therefore praying that the ſaid *Henrietta*, or the Petitioner, as her Attorney, may be enabled to ſell and convey the Lands and Tenements deviſed to her as aforeſaid, in the ſame Manner as if ſhe were a Feme Sole, ſo as to bind her and her Heirs.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for appointing an Agent; and that Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Patrick Henry* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 638.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Guy*, of the County of *Accomack*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *John Fleharty*, charged with Grand Larceny, having been ordered by the Court of the ſaid County, held for his Examination, to be tried for the ſaid Offence before the Juſtices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *June*, 1769, the petitioner was bound in a Recognizance to appear as a Witneſs againſt the Priſoner, and did attend accordingly, and was examined, but by ſome Accident his Attendance was not entered; and praying to be allowed for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Todd*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner is ſeiſed of a large Eſtate in Lands, as Tenant in Tail Male, but hath very few Slaves to work the ſame; and that it will be advantageous to himſelf, as well as to thoſe who ſhall ſucceed to the Inheritance, to ſell Part of the ſaid Lands, and, with the Money ariſing from the Sale, purchaſe Slaves, to be annexed to the remaining Lands; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentleman, who is appointed to prepare, and bring in the ſaid Bill, that he have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for aſcertaining the Bounds of Part of the intailed Lands whereof the ſaid *William Todd* is ſeized.

Ordered, That Mr *Bridger* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the laſt Day of this Month.

Ordered, That Mr *Dandridge* and Mr *Fitzhugh* be added to the Committee of Propoſi- 30
tions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Dandridge* be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Ordered, That Mr *Fitzhugh* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 21st of February, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Lee* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Perſons were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Loving*, junior, and *Robert Montgomery*, to be allowed for travelling and Attendance as Witneſſes for the King on the Trial of *Andrew Lightle*, for Felony in the General Court, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed five hundred and ſeventy Pounds of Tobacco, each, for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Samuel Sherwin*, to be allowed for his Negro Man Slave *Peter*, who was duly outlawed and killed in an Attempt to take him, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of ninety Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that from the ſeveral Depoſitions hereunto annexed, relative to the Petition of *William Bicknal*, and to which your Committee begs Leave to refer the Houſe, the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of nine Pounds for the Horſe in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Guy*, a Witneſs for the King againſt *John Flehgrty*, a Criminal from *Accomack* County, on Suſpicion of Grand Larceny, for an Allowance for traveling to, and attending the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, with Ferriages, in *June*, 1769, on the Trial of the ſaid Criminal, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed five hundred and ten Pounds of Tobacco for the ſame.

The *two* firſt Reſolutions of the Committee, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *Third* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed to the ſame Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſaid *William Bicknal* was referred.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, to impower the Clerks of the County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to impower the Clerks of County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

M[r] *Richard Lee* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *William Hoye* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Slave in the Petition mentioned, was duly outlawed, and afterwards taken and committed to the Gaol of the County of *Buckingham*; that he broke out of the ſaid Gaol, and burned it, and afterwards in apprehending him he was wounded, of which Wound he died, as appears by a Coroner's Inquest taken on the Body of the ſaid Slave. It alſo appears to your Committee, by a Certificate under the Hand of the ſaid Coroner, that the ſaid Slave was of the Value of eighty-five Pounds.

Upon the whole *Matter* the Committee came to the following Reſolution,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the ſaid Sum of eighty-five Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

M[r] *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing an Agent; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time upon *Wedneſday* the fourth Day of *March* next.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over upon *Wedneſday* the fourth Day of *March* next.

Ordered, That the Letters which have paſſed between *Edward Montagu*, Eſquire, late Agent for this Colony, and the Committee of Correſpondence, ſince the firſt Day of *November*, in the Year of our Lord, 1769, be laid before the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Cornelius Thomas* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Ferry over the *Fluvanna* River, from the Land of the Petitioner, in the County of *Amherſt*, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, in the County of *Bedford*, is not frequented; and therefore praying, that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, as eſtabliſhed the ſaid Ferry, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 516.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* and Mr *Ball* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Ball*, Mr *Marable*, Mr *Edmondſon*, and Mr *Alexander* be added to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Marable* and Mr *Ball* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Yelverton Peyton*, and Mr *Edmondſon* be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Ordered, That Mr *Stubblefield* be added to the Committee of Trade.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Liſt of Fees therein mentioned.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, returning him our ſincere Thanks for his very polite and candid Meſſage; expreſſing our great Satiſfaction in finding his Excellency ſo cordially diſpoſed to cultivate with the Country that agreeable Harmony which is moſt likely to conciliate to him the Affections of all his Majeſty's loyal Subjects of *Virginia*, and thereby eſtabliſh their mutual Happineſs upon the moſt ſolid and permanent Foundations; aſſuring his Lordſhip of the great Reſpect we bear to his important and exalted Station amongſt us, and the Neceſſity we think there is of ſupporting the Honour and Dignity of our Governors; but, at the ſame Time, humbly repreſenting to his Excellency that we conſider the Emoluments of Government, as by Law eſtabliſhed, adequate and amply ſufficient for thoſe Purpoſes; that the Fees which appear to have been received by the Clerks of his Lordſhip's Predeceſſors for iſſuing Commiſſions for the Appointment of Public Officers, and which we are now, for the firſt Time, regularly informed of by his Meſſage and the Liſt accompanying it, are unknown to our Laws, and that, therefore, we cannot ſufficiently applaud his Lordſhip's Wiſdom and Goodneſs in embracing ſo early an Opportunity of expreſſing his Willingneſs, if they ſhould be found diſagreeable to us, as they really are, to have them totally aboliſhed.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Patrick Henry*. 31

Ordered, That Mr *Wright* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 22d of February, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time, upon *Thurſday*, the fifth Day of *March* next.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Mecklenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto

1 Hening, V, p. 38.

unto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioners, being of the Society of Chriſtians, called *Baptiſts*, find themſelves reſtricted in the Exerciſe of their Religion, their Teachers impriſoned under various Pretences, and the Benefits of the Toleration Act denied them, although they are willing to conform to the true Spirit of that Act, and are loyal and quiet Subjects; and therefore praying, that they may be treated with the ſame kind Indulgence in religious Matters as *Quakers*, *Preſbyterians*, and other Proteſtant Diſſenters enjoy.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing a Treaſurer;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Patrick Henry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* Sevennight.

Mr *Richard Lee* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *William Bicknal* had been referred, and to whom the Reſolution of the ſaid Committee upon the ſaid Petition was re-committed, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that *Gabriel Penn*, one of the Under Sheriffs of *Amherſt* County, in the Month of *September*, 1771, impreſſed a Horſe, belonging to the petitioner, to convey *Thomas Welch*, a Criminal, from the ſaid County to the Public Gaol; that the ſaid Sheriff, on his Return home, being ſo much indiſpoſed or lamed by a Boil that he could not lead the ſaid Horſe any further than *Richmond* Town, he left him there with a certain *Archibald Mackendrix*, of that Place, to be taken Care of till he ſhould be ſent for by the ſaid *Penn*. It alſo appears to your Committee, that the ſaid *Penn*, on the third Day after his Return home, diſpatched a Meſſenger for the ſaid Horſe; but that he was either ſtrayed or ſtolen from the Paſture in which he was put by the ſaid *Mackendrix*, ſo that the ſaid Meſſenger did not get him, and he has not ſince been heard of. It alſo appears to your Committee, from a Certificate under the Hands of three Perſons, appointed and ſworn to value the ſaid Horſe, that he was worth nine Pounds.

Upon the whole the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of nine Pounds for the ſaid Horſe.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Fortnight.

A *Petition* of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Williamſburg*, and of ſeveral other *Perſons*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that by a Survey made it appears that a Canal or Cut may be carried from *Archer's Hope* Creek, running into *James* River, to *Queen's* Creek, running into *York* River, for the Navigation of Boats and other Veſſels with heavy Burthens, whereby an eaſy Communication will be made between thoſe two Rivers, which the petitioners conceive will be of great Advantage, not only to the ſaid City, but to the Trade carried on in the ſaid Rivers, and will probably encourage the like Works in other Parts of the Colony, to the Improvement of its Commerce; and further ſetting forth, that the Petitioners apprehend it will be neceſſary that proper Tolls or Duties be impoſed upon Boats and Veſſels paſſing in and through the ſaid Canal, for the

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 211.

the ſupporting and rendering effectual the ſaid Navigation; and therefore praying, that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the Petitioners, at the Expence of themſelves, and of other voluntary Contributors, to make the ſaid Canal, and continue the ſame navigable, in ſuch Manner, and with ſuch Powers and Authorities, to be veſted in them for that Purpoſe, as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Treaſurer* and Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to revive the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *John Jones* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

A *Petition* of the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the late Pariſh of *Frederick* was, by an Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, divided into three Pariſhes, called *Frederick*, *Norborne*, and *Beckford*; and that by the ſaid Act, reciting that there would be a new Church in each of the Pariſhes of *Frederick* and *Norborne*, the Charges of which had lately been defrayed by the Inhabitants of *Frederick*, before the Diviſion, it was enacted, that the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of *Frederick* and *Norborne*, when elected, ſhould account for the ſaid Churches, according to their ſeveral Coſts, and refund to the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Beckford* a proportion thereof, according to the Number of Tithables in their Pariſhes, reſpectively, at the Time the ſame ſhould take Place; and repreſenting, that the Church mentioned in the Act to be in the Pariſh of *Frederick*, is not worth the firſt Coſt, having been built ſo long ago as the Year 1764, and the workmanſhip having been executed inſufficiently, ſo that it is likely ſoon to become ruinous; and further repreſenting, that there are two Chapels, of Conſiderable Value, in the Pariſh of *Beckford*, one of which was built in the Year 1768; and therefore praying, that Commiſſioners may be appointed to aſcertain the preſent Value of the ſaid Church and Chapels, as they hope this Honourable Houſe will be of Opinion the Pariſh of *Frederick*, ought not to be charged with more than a proportion of the Sum the Church exceeds the two Chapels in Value, and that the Petitioners may have ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem reaſonable. 34

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Auſtin Hewlett*, ſurviving Inſpector at *Waddy's* Warehouſe, in the County of *New Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in *July* laſt, the ſaid Warehouſe was broke open, whilſt the Petitioner and *John Pinchback*, deceaſed, the other Inſpector, were neceſſarily abſent, attending their Duty at *Littlepage's* Warehouſe under the ſame Inſpection, and four hundred and fifty Pounds of uninſpected Tobacco were ſtolen, for which the Owner recovered of the Inſpectors, and the Petitioner hath been obliged to pay to him three Pounds and fifteen Shillings, with two Pounds eleven Shillings and ten Pence for the Coſts of Suit; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Sums of Money may be repaid to the Petitioner by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Inſpectors at *Blandford* Warehouſe, in the County of *Prince George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in *November* laſt, the petitioners loſt out of the ſaid Warehouſe two thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty-two Pounds of Tobacco, for which they have been obliged to pay the Owners at the Rate of twenty Shillings by the Hundred Weight; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Money may be repaid to the Petitioners by the Public.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 394.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Henrietta Marmillod* to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate deviſed to her by her Brother *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſquire, deceaſed, notwithſtanding her Coverture; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 24th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, that they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

We, his Majeſty's dutiful Subjects, humbly beg Leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your very candid and polite Meſſage. It affords us the higheſt Pleaſure and Satiſfaction to find your Excellency ſo cordially diſpoſed to cultivate with the Country that agreeable Harmony which will undoubtedly conciliate to you the Affection of his Majeſty's loyal Subjects of Virginia, *and thereby eſtabliſh our mutual Happineſs upon the moſt ſolid and permanent Foundation.*

We bear the greateſt Reſpect to your Excellency's important and exalted Station amongſt us, and think there is a neceſſity for ſupporting the Honour and Dignity of our Governors; but, my Lord, give us Leave, on this Occaſion, humbly to repreſent to your Excellency, that we conſider the Emoluments of Government, as by Law eſtabliſhed, adequate and amply ſufficient for thoſe Purpoſes. The Fees which appear to have been received by the Clerks of your Excellency's Predeceſſors for iſſuing Commiſſions for the Appointment of Public Officers, and which we are now, for the firſt Time, regularly informed of by your Lordſhip's Meſſage, are unknown to our Laws; and therefore we cannot ſufficiently applaud your Lordſhip's Wiſdom and Goodneſs in embracing ſo early an Opportunity of expreſſing your Willingneſs, if they ſhould be found diſagreeable to us, as they really are, to have them totally aboliſhed.

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who drew up the ſaid Addreſs, do wait upon the Governor to know his Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhall attend his Excellency, to preſent their Addreſs.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Amelia*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, being of the Community of Chriſtians who worſhip God under the Denomination of Baptiſts, are reſtricted in their religious Exerciſes; that, if the Act of Toleration does not extend to this Colony, they are expoſed to ſevere Perſecution; and, if it does extend hither, and the Power of granting Licences to Teachers

Teachers be lodged, as is ſuppoſed, in the General Court alone, the Petitioners muſt ſuffer conſiderable Inconveniences, not only becauſe that Court ſits not oftener than twice in the Year, and then at a Place far remote, but becauſe the ſaid Court will admit a ſingle Meeting-Houſe and no more in one County; and that the Petitioners are loyal and quiet Subjects, whoſe Tenets in no wiſe affect the State: and therefore praying a Redreſs of their Grievances, and that Liberty of Conſcience may be ſecured to them; *and alſo*

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Suſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, being of the Society of Chriſtians, called Baptiſts, find themſelves reſtricted in the Exerciſe of their Religion, their Teachers impriſoned under various Pretences, and the Benefits of the Toleration Act denied them, although they are willing to conform to the true Spirit of that Act, and are loyal and quiet Subjects; and therefore praying, that they may be treated with the ſame kind Indulgence in religious Matters as Quakers, Preſbyterians, and other Proteſtant Diſſenters enjoy;

Were ſeverally *preſented* to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* to revive the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Memorial* of the Court of Directors of the Public Hoſpital for Perſons of inſane and diſordered Minds was preſented to the Houſe, and read; repreſenting that the Memorialiſts, in Compliance with an Act of the late General Aſſembly, took the earlieſt Opportunity of executing the Truſt repoſed in them; that they purchaſed eight Lots of Land in a retired Part of the City of *Williamſburg*, for one hundred and twelve Pounds, and agreed with an Undertaker to build ſuch an Houſe as they judged would beſt anſwer the Purpoſe; a Plan of which, with the Articles, is ready to be laid before this Honourable Houſe; that it is hoped the Work, wherein a conſiderable Progreſs is already made, will be finiſhed by the Time limited; and further repreſenting, that the Memorialiſts, finding that what they ſuppoſed to be the Deſign of the Aſſembly could not be effected without exceeding the Sum allowed by the Act, at firſt inclined to make up the difference by Subſcriptions, but conceiving that might be deemed improper, engaged at all Events that the whole Money requiſite ſhould be paid, intending to lay their Proceedings before this Honourable Houſe; and further repreſenting, that beſides the Coſt of the Ground, and of the Building, when finiſhed, amounting in the whole to about ſixteen hundred Pounds, it will be neceſſary to incloſe a Garden and Yards for Patients to walk and take the Air in; and that a Keeper and Matron muſt be employed, and other incidental Charges will accrue, which are not provided for by Law; and therefore humbly ſubmitting it to the Conſideration of the Houſe to make further Proviſion and Eſtabliſhments as they may think proper and neceſſary to enable the Court to carry the laudable Intention of the Aſſembly into complete Execution.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Memorial.

The Houſe was moved that the Order, made upon *Saturday*, the fifteenth day of this Inſtant, that the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Stafford*, *King George*, and *Weſtmoreland*, for reforming the Boundaries of the ſaid Counties, reſpectively, and the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Richmond*, and *Weſtmoreland*, in Oppoſition thereto, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 394

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Several *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Beckford*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying, that the ſaid County may be divided into two Counties; *and alſo*

Several *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided into three Counties; *and alſo*

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Winchester*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided into three Counties;

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* to enable *Henrietta Marmillod* to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate, deviſed to her by her Brother *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſquire, deceaſed, notwithſtanding her Coverture, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Digges*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Langhorne*, Mr *Baſſett*, and Mr *Dandridge*.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal one Clauſe of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful hunting and ranging;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *David Maſon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Wedneſday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more ſpeedy and eaſy Adminiſtration of Juſtice; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Joſeph Jones*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Carr*, Mr *Holt*, Mr *Dandridge*, Mr *White*, Mr *Carrington*, and Mr *Digges*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Wilſon*, and Mr *Marſhall* be added to the Committee for Religion, and to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Scott*, Mr *Bowyer*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, and Mr *Macdowel* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 25th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for cutting a navigable Canal from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through the City of *Williamſburg*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to *Order*, a Bill for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William *and* Hanover *Counties the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *William Cabell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Fortnight.

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[1] Hening, V. p. 403. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 147. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 407.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, praying that the Importation of Tobacco from *North Carolina* to this Colony may be prohibited, or reſtrained, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Lunenburg* County, praying that a Duty may be impoſed upon Tobacco brought into this Colony from *Carolina*, and that the Value of Gold and Silver may be raiſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Lunenburg* County, as prays a Repeal of that Part of the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, which allows the Purchaſers of Tobacco to have the ſame reviewed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that the Owners of Tobacco, unjuſtly, refuſed may have a Review, as well as the Purchaſer, is reaſonable.

The two *firſt* Reſolutions of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *third* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time; 18

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Lunenburg* County, as prays a Repeal of that Part of the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, which allows the Purchaſers of Tobacco to have the ſame reviewed, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution do lie upon the Table.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that the Owners of Tobacco, unjuſtly refuſed, may have a Review as well as the Purchaſer, be rejected.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lunenburg*, *Mecklenburg*, *Suſſex*, and *Amelia*, of the Society of Chriſtians called *Baptiſts*, praying that they may be treated with the ſame kind Indulgence, in religious Matters, as Quakers, Preſbyterians, and other Proteſtant Diſſenters enjoy, ſo far as they relate to allowing the petitioners the ſame Toleration, in Matters of Religion, as is enjoyed by his Majeſty's diſſenting Proteſtant Subjects of *Great-Britain*, under different Acts of Parliament, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Veſtry of *Frederick* Pariſh, in the County of *Frederick*, praying that Commiſſioners may be appointed to aſcertain the preſent Value of a Church and two Chapels in the ſaid Petition mentioned, and that the ſaid Pariſh of *Frederick* may not be charged with more than a Proportion of the Sum the Church exceeds the two Chapels in Value, is reaſonable.

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The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of *Cornelius Thomas*, praying that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry over the *Fluvanna* River, from the Land of the Petitioner, in the County of *Amherſt*, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, in the County of *Bedford*, may be repealed, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Land adjoining to the Court-Houſe of *Botetourt* County; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Bowyer*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Religion, that they do inquire into the State of the eſtabliſhed Religion in this Colony, and Report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bowyer* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal Part of an Act, paſſed in the thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act*[1] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for better regulating the Election of Veſtries; and that Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Hamlin* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that his Negro Man Slave *Parriot*, having attempted to Murder his Miſtreſs, and dangerouſly wounded her, ran away, and was outlawed, and afterwards killed himſelf; and praying the Houſe to make him a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the ſaid Slave.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 26th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for veſting in Truſtees certain Lands, whereof *William Booth*, Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the Money ariſing from the Sale in purchaſing other Lands, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

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[1] Hening, II. p. 458.

A *Petition* of the Magiſtrates and ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Surry*, and of ſeveral Perſons of the Town of *Cobham*, and others, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in Purſuance of an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the third Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act*[1] *for Ports*, fifty Acres of Land, on the lower Side of *Gray's* Creek, were purchaſed by the ſaid County, and veſted in Truſtees, and laid off into Lots for a Town, called *Cobham*, and that Perſons have bought, and entered for and made Improvements upon many of the ſaid Lots; but their Titles are diſputed, it being doubtful whether the Truſtees under whom they Claim, having been appointed by the Court of the ſaid County to ſucceed ſuch as removed, or were diſabled by Age and Infirmity to execute the Office, had Power to Act; and praying that ſuch Titles may be confirmed, upon reimburſing the County due Proportions of the Purchaſe Money; that the Lots undiſpoſed of may be veſted in Truſtees for the Purpoſes and under the Conditions mentioned in the ſaid Act; and that ſuch Truſtees may be empowered to perpetuate their Succeſſion, and to make Orders for the regular building the Houſes, and for repairing the Streets of the ſaid Town; and moreover praying that it may not be lawful to erect or to continue Wooden Chimnies, or to keep Swine going at large in the ſaid Town, and that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from thence, inſtead of *Crouche's* Creek to *Jameſtown*.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, to enable *Henrietta Marmillod* to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate deviſed to her by her Brother, *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſquire, deceaſed, notwithſtanding her Coverture, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Fitzhugh*, and Mr *Cary* be added to the Gentlemen, who were appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill, for the more ſpeedy and eaſy Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Ordered, That Mr *Fitzhugh* and Mr *Joſeph Jones* be added to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover* and *Louiſa*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh are deſirous of chooſing Veſtrymen; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs to empower them to do ſo.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Carr* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Robert Ruffin* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, at great Trouble and Expence, hath reclaimed a large Marſh, through which a Cauſey leads to his Ferry; and that he is apprehenſive of conſiderable Damage from Hogs, whoſe Acceſs to his ſaid Marſh cannot be prevented without expenſive Incloſures; and therefore praying, that he may be permitted to conſtruct a Gate on his high Land, contiguous to his ſaid Marſh, for Travellers to paſs through to the ſaid Ferry.

Ordered

[1] Hening, III, p. 53. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 335. [3] Ibid, VII, p. 580.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the Pariſh of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Pariſh is large, and the Tithables therein numerous; and therefore praying, that the ſame may be divided, by a Line, beginning at the Mouth of *Muddy* Creek, on *James* River, and running to *Swan's* Road, at *Roberts's* Race Ground, and along *Swan's* Road to *Buckingham* Road, and from thence to the Mouth of *Swan's* Creek on *Appomattox* River, or by ſome other convenient Line, that will leave an equal Number of Tithables in each Pariſh.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Sum of twenty-five Pounds *per Annum* be paid to *Peter Pelham* for his Salary as Organiſt, to continue till the End of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That M^r *Nelſon* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Jacob Micheaux*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner's Fences, by which he made a Lane through his Plantation, in the ſaid County, to *Micheaux's* Ferry, had been lately carried away by the great Freſh, and that the Petitioner has very little Timber to renew the ſaid Fences; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs, empowering him to erect and keep a Gate acroſs the Road to the ſaid Ferry.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill*, for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing a Treaſurer*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[2], *for further continuing the Act, intituled An Act for appointing a Treaſurer.*

Ordered, That M^r *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to revive the Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4], *to revive the Act, intituled an Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

Ordered, That M^r *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

M^r *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, from the Court of Directors of the Hoſpital for the Reception of Ideots, Lunatics, and perſons of inſane and diſordered minds, a Plan of the ſaid Hoſpital, together with the Articles of Agreement, for building the ſame, between *Benjamin Powell*, of the one Part, and the ſaid Court of Directors, of the other Part.

Ordered, That the ſaid Plan and Articles of Agreement be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider of the Memorial of the Court of Directors of the Public Hoſpital, for Perſons of inſane and diſordered Minds.

A *Petition* of *John Taliaferro* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Place called *Hackley's*, belonging to the Petitioner, in the County of *King George*, is very convenient for a Ferry; and therefore praying, that the Ferry, which was formerly kept from thence, over *Rappahannock* River, to the Land of the Honourable *Richard Corbin*, Eſquire, in the County of *Caroline*, may be re-eſtabliſhed.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 211. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 588. [3] Ibid, VIII. p. 394. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 587.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Bruce*, and *David Bronaugh*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Morton's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in the Year 1770, the Petitioners loſt out of the ſaid Warehouſes, without any Neglect or other Default in them, one thouſand Eight hundred and forty-eight Pounds of Tobacco, for Part of which they have been obliged to pay after the Rate of twenty-five Shillings, and for the Reſidue after the Rate of twenty-two Shillings and ſix Pence, *per* Hundred; and therefore praying the Houſe to make them ſuch Allowance for the ſame as ſhall appear juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Bruce* and *William Harriſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Gibſon's* and *Morton's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in the Year 1771, the Petitioners loſt out of the ſaid Warehouſes three thouſand one hundred and forty Pounds of Tobacco, which they believe to have been ſtolen; and further ſetting forth, that, in the Month of *May* laſt, twenty eight Hogſheads of Tobacco, in the Houſes at *Morton's* were ſo damaged by heavy Rains, whilſt the Petitioners attended at *Gibſon's*, that fifteen hundred and ſixty-eight Pounds of Tobacco were deſtroyed; and that the Owners of Part of the ſaid Tobacco have refuſed to receive it, and one of them hath brought an Action againſt the Petitioners, and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and Report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, be now read.

And the ſaid *Order* being read accordingly;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

M^r *Speaker* left the Chair.

M^r *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

M^r *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Matters referred to them, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee be appointed to view the Lands on both Sides of *James* River from *Weſtham*, to the navigable Water below the Falls; and that they make an exact Survey of the ſaid Lands, and return a Plan thereof, with an Eſtimate of the Expence of making a navigable Canal, for the Paſſage of Boats, through the ſame, to the next General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that to remove the Seat of Government, to a Place more central and convenient to the People, will be a great Eaſe and Relief to them, in Point of Expence and Trouble, and be a Means of ſaving much Labour that may be otherwiſe uſefully employed, in increaſing the Riches and Commerce of the Colony, and therefore will be a Public Benefit.

Reſolved, That this Committee doth willingly concur with the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly of *Maryland* in the Expediency of building a Light-Houſe on *Cape Henry*, in this Colony; and it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commiſſioners be appointed to proceed to erect ſuch Light-Houſe as ſoon as the Aſſembly of *Maryland* ſhall paſs an Act, of the ſame Import with the Act to be paſſed by the General Aſſembly of this Colony, for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum, not exceeding ſix thouſand Pounds, be paid, by the Treaſurer of this Colony, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, to enable them to carry on the ſaid Building; and that a Duty be laid on the Tonnage of all Ships, and other Veſſels, coming into this Colony, other than from *Maryland*, to repay ſo much as ſhall be expended in erecting the ſaid Light-Houſe, and to provide a proper Fund for lighting and ſupporting the ſame.

The *firſt* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ſecond* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time;

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

The Houſe divided.

The *Noes* went forth.

Teller for the *Yeas* M^r *Nelſon* 34

Teller for the *Noes* M^r *Edmund Pendleton* 25

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The ſubſequent *Reſolutions* of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the *firſt* and *ſecond* Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the *third* and *fourth* Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Memorial of the Court of Directors for the Public Hoſpital for Perſons of inſane and diſordered Minds.

A *Bill* to repeal Part of an Act, paſſed in the thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act*[1] *of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Petition* of *John Hancock* and *Margaret* his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid *John* is ſeiſed, in Fee Tail, of three hundred and ſeventy Acres of Land in the Pariſh of *Dettingen* and County of *Prince William*, called the *Deep Hole Tract*, and is ſeiſed in Fee Simple, in Right of his ſaid Wife, of four hundred and fifty Acres of Land, in the County of *Amherſt;* and that it will be greatly to the Advantage of their Iſſue, and more to the Advantage of the Wife, who is conſenting thereto, if the ſaid four hundred and fifty Acres of Land, with certain Slaves, be ſettled in Lieu of the ſaid three hundred and ſeventy Acres; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe, and for veſting the laſt mentioned Tract of Land in the ſaid *John Hancock* in Fee Simple.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that M^r *Henry Lee* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* to repeal one Clauſe of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[2] *for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful hunting and ranging*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read the third Time, upon *Wedneſday* next.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *New Kent*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Union of *Littlepage's* and *Waddy's* Inſpections is extremely inconvenient; and therefore praying that the ſame may be ſeparated.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the

[1] Hening, II, p.458. [2] Ibid, V. p. 408.

the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* for continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William *and* Hanover *Counties the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Smith*, and Mr *Aylett*.

A *Bill* for cutting a navigable Canal from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through the City of *Williamſburg*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 27th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported to the Houſe, that the Governor, having been waited upon, purſuant to the Order of *Monday* laſt, to know his Pleaſure, when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended Tomorrow, in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend and explain an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *concerning Water Mills;* and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for extending the Benefit of the ſeveral Acts of Toleration to his Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects, in this Colony, diſſenting from the Church of *England*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that there is no other Pariſh in the ſaid County, and that there are four Churches, and more than three thouſand Tithables in it; and praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided into two Pariſhes, by *Falling* Creek, from the Mouth thereof to Col. *Cary's* Mill-Dam, thence by the Road to the Bridge over *Swift* Creek, near the Court-Houſe, and thence by the ſaid Road to the Mouth of *Winterpock* Creek.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that his Salary, as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and therefore praying, that the ſame may be further continued.

Reſolved, That the Sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending as many Copies of the Laws to the County Court

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 407. [3] Ibid, VI, p. 55.

Court Clerks, as there are acting Juſtices in the Commiſſion, in each reſpective County, and one other, which is to be Half Bound, for the Uſe of the Court, and ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Huſtings, in the City of *Williamſburg*, and Borough of *Norfolk*, and printing Inſpectors Receipts, and Books, Proclamations, and Public Advertiſements.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* be added to the Gentlemen, who were appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for the more ſpeedy and eaſy Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Ordered, That Mr *Moore* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of *Privileges and Elections*, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Freeholders of the County of *Henrico*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Members to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County, was referred, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that Mr *George Cox* was appointed Sheriff of the ſaid County by Commiſſion, dated the 28th of *October*, 1769, and was ſworn into Office on the 6th of *November* following; that the Writ for the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County came to the Hands of the ſaid *George Cox*, on the 4th Day of *November*, 1771, who, on the ſame Day, appointed the Election to be made on the 29th of the ſame Month, and ſent Copies of the Writ and Appointment to the Readers of the ſeveral Churches (the Miniſter being out of the Pariſh) who publiſhed the ſame on the *Sunday* following; that there being no Court held for the ſaid County in the ſaid Month of *November*, to qualify the ſucceeding Sheriff, and it being ſuppoſed that the ſaid *Cox* could not make the Election on the Day appointed, as his two Years would expire before that Time, Mr *Cox*, by Advice of others, and Conſent of all of the declared Candidates, on the 17th of *November*, altered the Day of Election to the 6th of *December*, with a View that the ſucceeding Sheriff might, in the mean Time, be qualified, and take the Election, Notice of which Alteration was publiſhed in each Church in the County; that on the 2nd Day of *December*, Mr *Wilkinſon*, the ſucceeding Sheriff, was duly ſworn into Office, and proceeded to the Election on the 6th, having firſt procured the Conſent of all the Candidates preſent, that he might ſo proceed; that Mr *Adams*, and Mr *Randolph*, upon the Poll, taken in a fair and uſual Manner, had the greateſt Number of Votes, and were returned as duly elected. It appears to the Committee, that many Freeholders were abſent on the Day of Election, but that it was more probably occaſioned by the Badneſs of the Weather than the Want of Notice of the Day laſt appointed.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Adams*, and Mr *Randolph*, are not duly elected to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County of *Henrico*.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Henrico*, in the Room of Mr *Richard Adams* and Mr *Richard Randolph*, whoſe Election was illegal; and that Mr *Cary* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Petition of Mr *Samuel DuVal*, praying that the Poll taken at the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Henrico*, may be examined, and that the Petitioner may be declared duly elected a Burgeſs for the ſaid County, was referred, be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

And the ſaid *Petition* was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

A *Bill* to prevent Hogs and Goats going at large in the Town of *Suffolk* was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Watkins* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till Tomorrow Sevennight.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the petition of *Daniel Hamlin* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, by the Depoſitions of *Miller Woodſon*, and *Daniel Hamlin*, jun. that they, the ſaid Deponents, were, about the 6th of *October*, 1770, at the Houſe of *Daniel Hamlin*, the Petitioner, and ſaw the Wife of the ſaid Petitioner lying on a Bed, who appeared to be in great Diſtreſs, her Head and Arm being much bruiſed, and very bloody, who informed them that it was occaſioned by a Negro, known by the Name of *Parriot*, the Property of her Huſband; that, from the appearance of the Wound, together with the Deſcription ſhe gave of the Weapon with which it was made, they, the ſaid Deponents, ſuſpected the ſaid Negro had attempted to murder her; that about the 20th of *February* following, they, the ſaid Deponents, being again at the Houſe of the Petitioner, were conducted, by one of the Family, to a Place in the Woods, a ſmall Diſtance from the Houſe, where, it was ſuppoſed, the ſaid Negro *Parriot* had hanged himſelf; that they there ſaw a human Scull, with ſeveral other Members of the Body, which they ſuppoſed were the Remains of the ſaid Negro *Parriot*; that at the place where the Bones were found the ſaid Deponent *Daniel* ſaw ſome wearing Apparel, which he well knew belonged to the ſaid Negro *Parriot*; and further, that he diſcovered the ſaid Negro not till after he was duly outlawed, and believed the ſaid Outlawry was made before he was known by his Maſter's Family to be dead.

It further appears to your *Committee*, by the Depoſitions of *Henry Hamlin*, and *Thomas Roberts*, that about the 6th of *October*, 1770, they, the ſaid Deponents, being ſent for, came to the Houſe of the Petitioner, and ſaw his Wife much wounded on her Head, and one of her Arms broke; that they were informed by the Petitioner, that he ſaw his Negro *Parriot* wound his ſaid Wife, and immediately run away; and that he has not ſince been heard of but from the Suppoſition of his having hanged himſelf.

It further appears to your *Committee*, by the Depoſitions of *John Rowlett*, and *Stephen Neal*, that they, the ſaid Deponents, were, in the Month of *February* laſt, ſent for by the Petitioner to ſee a Negro of his who had hanged himſelf; that at the Place where it was ſuppoſed he was hanged, they ſaw the Bones and Cloathing of a Perſon whom, from the ſaid Cloathing they believed to be the Slave that they heard outlawed at Church, as a Runaway, belonging to the Petitioner.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Memorial of the Court of Directors, for the Public Hoſpital, for Perſons of inſane and diſordered Minds.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and

and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum of Money, not exceeding eight hundred Pounds, be paid by the Treaſurer, upon the Governor's Warrant, to the Court of Directors of the Hoſpital for Ideots, Lunatics, and Perſons of inſane and diſordered Minds, to be by them laid out in finiſhing the ſaid Hoſpital, and making proper Incloſures for the Patients to walk, and take the Air in.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to enable *Henrietta Marmillod* to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate deviſed to her by her Brother, *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſquire, deceaſed, notwithſtanding her Coverture, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[1] *to enable* Henrietta Marmillod *to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate deviſed to her by her Brother*, Nathaniel Walthoe, *Eſquire, deceaſed, notwithſtanding her Coverture.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for extending the Benefit of the ſeveral Acts of Toleration to his Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects in this Colony, diſſenting from the Church of *England*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts, made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for cutting a navigable Canal from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through the City of *Williamſburg*.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had examined the Matter of ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Winchester*, and County of *Frederick*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided into three Counties, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Beckford*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided into two Counties, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 627. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 335.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the *firſt* Reſolution; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 28th of February, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Correſpondence, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Order, the Letters which have paſſed between *Edward Montagu*, Eſquire, late Agent for this Colony, and the ſaid Committee, ſince the 1ſt Day of *November*, in the Year of our Lord 1769.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Le Grand* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Fortnight.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had examined the Matters of ſeveral petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Robert Ruffin*, praying that he may be empowered by Law to erect a Gate acroſs the Public Road leading to the ſaid *Ruffin's* Ferry, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Jacob Micheaux*, praying that he may be empowered by Law to erect a Gate acroſs the public Road leading to the ſaid *Micheaux's* Ferry, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, to enable *Richard Bland*, Eſq; to erect a Gate or Gates upon the main Road leading through his Land, upon *Bennet's* Creek, in the County of *Nanſemond*.

A *Claim* of *Henry Riddick*, late Sheriff of the County of *Nanſemond*, for three hundred and ſixty Pounds of Tobacco, which were levied on *John Arrington*, and *John Stockdale*, but which he never received, the Debtors having removed to *Carolina*, and left no Eſtate in this Colony to ſatiſfy the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they do allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to repeal Part of an Act, paſſed in the thirty-ſecond Year, of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act*[2] *of free and general Pardon Indemnity, and Oblivion*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to repeal Part of an Act, paſſed in the thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King* Charles *the Second*, intituled *An Act of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147 [2] Ibid II, p. 458. [3] Not recorded as a law.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the *firſt* Reſolution; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

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The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, to enable *Richard Bland*, Eſq; to erect a Gate or Gates upon the main Road leading through his Land, upon *Bennet's* Creek, in the County of *Nanſemond*.

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Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they do allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table,

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

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Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to repeal Part of an Act, paſſed in the thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King* Charles *the Second*, intituled *An Act of free and general Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147 [2] Ibid II, p. 458. [3] Not recorded as a law.

A *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to prevent Hogs and Goats going at large in the Town of *Suffolk*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to prevent Hogs and Goats going at large in the Town of* Suffolk.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed Bill for cutting a navigable Canal from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through the City of *Williamſburg*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through the City of* Williamſburg.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Carr* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *King & Queen*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners ſuffer great Inconvenience by the Diſcontinuance of the Tobacco Inſpection at *Walkerton*, and humbly propoſing that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly as diſcontinued the ſaid Inſpection may be repealed, and the Inſpection revived.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *King William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioners ſuffer great Inconvenience by the Diſcontinuance of the Tobacco Inſpection at *Waller's*, and humbly propoſing that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly as diſcontinued the ſaid Inſpection may be repealed, and the Inſpection revived.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Robert King* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is proprietor of the Land on which the *Piping Tree* Warehouſe ſtands, and Keeper of a Public Ferry at the ſame Place, which is very convenient for an Ordinary, and that he is likewiſe one of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at the ſaid Warehouſe; and further ſetting forth, that the Act of General Aſſembly, prohibiting Inſpectors from keeping public Houſes, is very detrimental to him, and therefore humbly praying that this Honourable Houſe will take the particular Circumſtances of his uncommon Caſe into their Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Relief therein as to them ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the Pariſh of *St. John*, in the County of *King William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh are divided among themſelves by Party Spirit, which prevents their Meetings, and interrupts their proceeding in the Affairs of the Pariſh, and that they are purſuing Meaſures detrimental to the Pariſhioners; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *King George* and

[1] Hening, VI, p. 490. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 620. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 556.

and *Stafford* were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Counties, in their preſent Form, being long and narrow, are very inconvenient, which may be remedied, if the ſaid Counties be divided by a Line running from *Potowmack* River to *Rappahannock* River; and therefore praying that the ſaid Counties may be divided accordingly by a Line to be made by Commiſſioners.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Michael Robinſon* and *John Steward*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Royſton's* Warehouſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have as much trouble in their Office, and Inſpect nearly as much Tobacco, as the Inſpectors at *Frederickſburg* Warehouſe, and yet the Salaries of the Petitioners have been reduced ten Pounds; and therefore humbly praying, that they may have the ſame Allowance as they had formerly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Kidd* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in the Year 1768, the Petitioner was ſummoned by the Sheriff of *Auguſta* County, to attend at the Capitol in *Williamſburg*, as one of the Jury, upon the Trial of *Robert Macmahon*, a Criminal, but that the Sheriff having omitted to inſert the Petitioner's Name in the Panel returned upon the Venire Facias, although he attended according to the Summons, he was not allowed for it; and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Roane* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Sevennight.

A *Claim* of *Edward Niblet*, for taking up a Runaway Slave, which had been preſented at the laſt General Aſſembly, but was not allowed, becauſe the Name of the Owner of the Slave was not known, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to explain and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein;* and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Triol of Slaves committing capital Crimes, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, bond or free;* and that the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Blair*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor is now ready to receive the Addreſs of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and, being returned, he reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor, with their Addreſs, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to give this Anſwer.

Mr *Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, I am obliged to you for your polite Addreſs; and as you are of Opinion that the Fees received by the Clerks of my Predeceſſors*

[1] Hening, V, p. 515. [2] Ibid, IV, p. 126.

ceſſors, for iſſuing public Commiſſions, were illegal, I will not only take Care that my Clerk ſhall not in future receive any, but alſo that he ſhall return thoſe which he has received ſince my Arrival in this Colony.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Sincere and grateful Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Excellency the Governor, for the kind and obliging Anſwer he was pleaſed to make to the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r *Bland*, M^r *Harriſon*, M^r *Treaſurer*, M^r *Edmund Pendleton*, M^r *Cary*, and M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday. the 29th of February. 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *William Bruce* and *William Harriſon*, Inſpectors at *Gibſon's* and *Morton's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Houſe, in which two of the Hogſheads of Tobacco that were loſt had been depoſited, were inſufficient; that the other Hogſhead was taken out of a ſufficient Houſe, with ſeveral more, for the purpoſe of coming at ſome particular Tobacco, which was wanted to be ſhipped off; that the Petitioners, not being able to replace them immediately, rolled them into an open Houſe, where they remained a few Days, in which Time the ſaid Hogſhead of Tobacco was loſt. It further appears to your Committee, that, by Means of a great Rain that fell in the Month of *May* laſt, the Water flowed into one of the ſaid Warehouſes, and partly damaged thirty-nine Hogſheads of Tobacco, which lay next to the Ground; that the Petitioners uncaſed the ſame, and ſeparated the good Tobacco from the bad, and found the bad to be fifteen hundred and ſixty-eight Pounds. It further appears to your Committee, that *Robert Gilchriſt*, Proprietor of fourteen Hogſheads, and *Thomas Hodge*, of ſeven Hogſheads, being Part of the thirty-nine Hogſheads of Tobacco damaged as aforeſaid, have refuſed to receive the ſame, and that the ſaid *Gilchriſt* has commenced an Action at Law againſt the Petitioners for the Recovery of the ſaid fourteen Hogſheads, for which he paid at the Rate of twenty Shillings *Per Cent.* and that the ſaid *Hodge* paid, for the ſeven Hogſheads aforeſaid, at the Rate of fourteen Shillings, Sterling, *per Cent.* and charges the Petitioners the Sums of eighteen Pence *per* Hogſhead, for the Difference of Inſpection, and three Shillings and ſix Pence, *per* Hogſhead, Freight.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid petition, as relates to the Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſes, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to the damaged Tobacco, is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed for the ſame, at the Rate of eighteen Shillings *per Cent.* and the further Sum of four Pounds ſeventeen Shillings and ſix Pence for their Trouble, in uncaſing and trimming the ſaid thirty nine Hogſheads of Tobacco, and ſecuring the good that was ſaved.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee to whom the Petition of the ſaid *William Bruce*, and *William Harriſon*, was referred.

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Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Acts for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill* for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was read the third Time. 62

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled An Act for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Smith*, and Mr *Edmondſon*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the upper End of the Pariſh of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Diviſion thereof, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Dale* Pariſh, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying a Diviſion thereof, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *King George* and *Stafford*, praying that a new Boundary Line between the ſaid Counties may be made by Commiſſioners, were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petitions are reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Joſeph Jones*, Mr *Fitzhugh*, and Mr *Yelverton Peyton*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *William Bruce*, and *David Bronaugh*, Inſpectors at *Morton's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that, at the Time the Tobacco was loſt, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, the ſaid Warehouſes were inſufficient.

Whereupon

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 595.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] for *reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Ralph Gibbs*, *Joſeph Laurence*, *Robert Laurence*, *Joſeph Outland*, *Joſiah Outland*, and *Robert Laurence*, Junior, of the Pariſh of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nanſemond*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners reſide in, and are the only Inhabitants of a Place, called *Roſcow's Neck*, in an extreme Part of the ſaid County, and that they are at a great diſtance from their County Court-Houſe, and neareſt Pariſh Church, and have no Paſſage to either of thoſe Places, or indeed any other public Place, in their own County, without travelling ſeveral Miles through the County of *Iſle of Wight*, and therefore humbly praying that the ſaid Neck of Land may be added to the Pariſh of *Newport*, and County of *Iſle of Wight*, to which the Petitioners are much more convenient.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Hardy* and Mr *Riddick* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the petitions of ſeveral Perſons were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Auſtin Hewlet*, ſurviving Inſpector at *Waddy's* Warehouſe, in *New Kent* County, as relates to the Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, for which the petitioner has paid the Proprietor thereof, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be reimburſed the Sum of three Pounds and fifteen Shillings for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid petition, as relates to the Coſts expended by the petitioner, in defending a Suit commenced againſt him, for the Recovery of the Value of the ſaid Tobacco, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Daniel Kidd*, to be allowed for travelling to, and attending the General Court, as a Venire Man, on the Trial of *Robert Macmahon*, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed ſix hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco, for the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, for building a Bridge over the Weſtern Branch of *Nanſemond* River, by Subſcription; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to continue an Act, intituled An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees.*

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, eleven of the Clock.

Monday

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 514. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 490. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 542.

Monday, the 2d of March, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 3d of March, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members*, having taken the Oaths, appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *James Blackwell*, the younger, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner was ſeiſed, as Tenant in Fee Tail, of a Tract of Land, in *Blackwell's* Neck, in the County of *Hanover*, containing about five hundred Acres, and having no Slaves, hath been obliged to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame for his Lifetime, and hath agreed to exchange the Reverſion with *Carter Braxton*, of the County of *King William*, Eſquire, for a Tract of Land, in the laſt mentioned County, containing two hundred and ſixty Acres, and certain Negro Slaves; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to veſt the Reverſion of the ſaid five hundred Acres of Land in the ſaid *Carter Braxton*, and his Heirs, and to ſettle, in Lieu thereof, the ſaid two hundred and ſixty Acres, with the Slaves aforeſaid, upon the petitioner, in Fee Tail.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Treaſurer* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *John Robinſon*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that he had ſerved ſix years in the ſaid Regiment, and received ſeveral Wounds, which diſabled him from Maintaining himſelf by his own Labour, and had been captivated by the Enemy; and that he had been prevented from applying to this Houſe, with other Perſons in his Circumſtances, to whom their Bounty was extended, and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe;

And it is *referred* to Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Lewis*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh;* and that Mr *Marſhall* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for better regulating the Election of Veſtries; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Acts for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington* and Mr *Francis Peyton* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Tabb* and Mr *Waſhington* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Pendleton*, Mr *Field*, Mr *Francis Peyton*, Mr *Stith*, Mr *Barbour*, and Mr *Burnley*, be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Ordered, That Mr *Tabb* be added to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII. p. 361.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Pendleton*, Mr *Stith*, Mr *Field*, Mr *Barbour*, and Mr *Burnley*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the County of *Frederick* into three diſtinct Counties; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Complaint* being made to the Houſe, that, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, *Roger Gregory*, of the County of *King William*, had cauſed one *Holt Richeſon* to be arreſted, at the Suit of the ſaid *Roger Gregory*, whilſt the ſaid *Holt Richeſon* was attending, as a Witneſs, in a Matter depending before the Committee for Religion;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *David Vaughan*, and *William Dews*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Glouceſter* Town Warehouſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Month of *September*, 1770, the ſaid Warehouſe was broke open, and four thouſand Pounds Weight of Tobacco were ſtolen therefrom, without any Neglect or Default of the Petitioners, for the Value whereof they are anſwerable to the Owners; and therefore praying that that may be allowed for the ſaid Tobacco by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] to revive the Act, intituled An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, *without any Amendment; and alſo*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing the Act, intituled An Act for appointing a Treaſurer, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled An Act for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties, wherein the Services ſhall be performed, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to enable *Henrietta Marmillod* to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate deviſed her by her Brother *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; deceaſed, notwithſtanding her Coverture, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying four hundred and fifty Pounds* per Annum *to* William Rind, *the Public Printer; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to prevent Hogs and Goats going at large in the Town of *Suffolk*, with an Amendment, *to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendment into Conſideration.

And the ſaid Amendment was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 8, after "*Goat*" inſert "*belonging to any of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town.*"

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

A *Bill* for veſting in Truſtees certain Lands, whereof *William Booth*, Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, are ſeized in Fee Tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the Money ariſing

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 587. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 588 [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 595. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 627.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 620.

ariſing from the Sale in purchaſing other Lands, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time. 66

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Ball*, Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Joſeph Jones*, and Mr *Fitzhugh*.

Ordered, That Mr *Winn* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* for building a Bridge over the Weſtern Branch of *Nanſemond* River, by Subſcription, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill*, for further continuing the Act intituled, *An Act*[1] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *James Henry* be added to the Gentlemen, who were appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill, for the more ſpeedy and eaſy Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Ordered, That nine of the ſaid Committee be a ſufficient Number to proceed on Buſineſs.

A *Petition* of *John Pitt* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner is ſeiſed of a Tract of Land, containing two thouſand and three hundred Acres, in the County of *Accomack*, whereon a Public Warehouſe for the Inſpection of Tobacco ſtands; and that the ſaid Tract of Land, on three Sides thereof, is bounded by Waters, which form a Neck about four Miles long, and one Mile broad, and, by Means of the Roads leading to the ſaid Warehouſe, is rendered of little Value to the Petitioner; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to empower the Petitioner to erect Gates acroſs the ſaid Roads.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Merchants, Traders, and Inhabitants of the Town of *Alexandria*, and County of *Fairfax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; alledging that the Petitioners did, in the laſt Seſſion of General Aſſembly, apply by Petition to this Houſe, ſetting forth the bad Condition of the Roads from the Mountains to the Town of *Alexandria*, and praying the Houſe to deviſe ſome Method for making the Roads more uſeful; which petition was referred to the Conſideration of a Committee, who agreed upon a Report, and alſo came to a Reſolution; but the Relief propoſed to be granted by the ſaid Reſolution was not carried into Execution; and repreſenting to the Houſe, that unleſs ſome Proviſion be made in this important Affair, the Country in general, as well as the Petitioners, muſt ſuffer conſiderably; and therefore praying the Houſe to take the Matter into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief as ſhall ſeem proper.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill*, for further continuing the Act, for the more effectual keeping the Public Roads and Bridges in repair, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Hardy* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time. 57

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 514.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Dandridge* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Friday* next.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of ſeveral Petitions of other Inhabitants of the ſaid County, formerly preſented to the Houſe, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners had long laboured under many Grievances from the inconvenient Situation of their Court-Houſe; and praying the Houſe to make Application to the Commanding Officer of the Colony to iſſue his Writ of Adjournment, and appoint the Court to be held at ſome Place neareſt to the Center of the County; and repreſenting, that, if thoſe Petitioners ſhould be indulged in what they deſire, it would be no Relief to them, but rather a greater Inconvenience than the one they complain of, and that the Town of *Frederickſburg*, in which the ſaid Court-Houſe ſtands, is the moſt convenient Place for it; and therefore praying that the ſaid former petitions for appointing the ſaid Court to be held at another Place, may be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Complaint that, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, *Roger Gregory*, of the County of *King William*, had cauſed one *Holt Richeſon* to be arreſted, at the Suit of the ſaid *Roger Gregory*, whilſt the ſaid *Holt Richeſon* was attending as a Witneſs before the Committee for Religion, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that Mr *Holt Richeſon*, being requeſted to communicate to the ſeveral Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, the Copy of a petition preferred to the Houſe, for a Diſſolution of the ſaid Veſtry, and alſo the Reſolutions of the Houſe thereupon, did accordingly communicate them, among others, to Mr *Roger Gregory*, a Member of the ſaid Veſtry, who read the ſaid Reſolutions, and was informed, by the ſaid *Richeſon*, that he, the ſaid *Richeſon*, was ſummoned as a Witneſs to attend the Committee of Religion, on the ſecond Inſtant, having received a Letter from Mr *Aylett*, one of the Repreſentatives for the ſaid County of *King William*, that he had ſent up a ſummons for that Purpoſe, to which the ſaid *Gregory* made anſwer, he hoped he ſhould be down ſooner as a Burgeſs for the ſaid County. That ſuch Summons, was accordingly ſerved on the ſaid *Richeſon*, and in Obedience thereto he did attend the ſaid Committee of Religion.

It further appears to your *Committee*, that the ſaid Mr *Roger Gregory* wrote the following Letter, with the Memorandum at Top, directed to Mr *John Tazewell*.

Roger Gregory	*verſus John Quarles*, ſenior, Caſe, Damage,	£ 600
Same	*verſus James Quarles*, Caſe, Damage,	70
Same	*verſus Holt Richeſon*, Caſe, Damage,	600

Mr. Tazewell.

Sir,

If the above Gentlemen ſhould be in Williamſburg, *as I expect, ſhall be much obliged to you to commence Suit againſt them, or either of them, as above, to* York *Court; and as they are weighty Suits, ſhall be further oblige to you, to ſpeak to* Mr Richard Starke, *to join you in them for me. As ſoon as I hear the Suit is commenced, will furniſh you with the Accounts, as well as ſend you both your Fees.*

I am,

Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

To Mr John Tazewell. **Roger Gregory.**

February 29, 1772.

That

That, in Conſequence of the ſaid Letter, the ſaid Mr *Tazewell* applied to Mr *Everard*, the Clerk of *York*, who iſſued a Writ agreeable to the Memorandum at the Head of the ſaid Letter, againſt Mr *Richeſon*, which was delivered to Mr *Ruſſell*, the Under Sheriff of the ſaid County, who executed the ſame, and detains the ſaid *Richeſon* in Cuſtody; but that neither Mr *Everard* nor Mr *Tazewell* knew, that the ſaid *Richeſon* was ſummoned to attend the Committee as a Witneſs.

It further appears to your *Committee*, that the ſaid *Ruſſell*, the Under Sheriff, about an Hour after he had arreſted Mr *Richeſon*, being informed by the ſaid *Richeſon*, that he was ſummoned as a Witneſs, as aforeſaid, and could not be legally arreſted, applied to a Member of this Houſe, for his Advice and Directions, who informed the ſaid *Ruſſell* of the ſtanding Order of the Houſe, that all Witneſſes attending the Committees ſhould be privileged from Arreſts, but gave him no particular Advice; whereupon another Member of the Houſe told the ſaid *Ruſſell*, who ſeemed to be under great Difficulty and Uneaſineſs, that he would be anſwerable for Mr *Richeſon* till the Determination of the Houſe could be had thereupon; and that the ſaid *Ruſſell*, of his own Accord, attended, in order to be informed of ſuch Determination.

Upon the whole *Matter*, your Committee came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Roger Gregory* is guilty of a high Contempt and Breach of the Privileges of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr *Thomas Everard* and Mr *John Tazewell* are not guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *William Ruſſell* is guilty of a Breach of the privileges of the Houſe, by detaining the ſaid *Richeſon* in his Cuſtody, after he was informed, that the ſaid *Richeſon* was under the Protection of the Houſe.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Roger Gregory*, for his ſaid Contempt and Breach of Privilege, be taken into Cuſtody of the Sargeant at Arms, attending this Houſe; and that Mr *Speaker* do iſſue his Warrant accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr *William Ruſſell* be excuſed, inaſmuch as his Offence appears to have proceeded from the Difficulties he was under how to act on the Occaſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Ruſſell* do forthwith diſcharge the ſaid *Holt Richeſon* out of Cuſtody, for which this Houſe will indemnify the ſaid *William Ruſſell*.

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Ruſſell* do forthwith diſcharge *John Quarles*, the elder, whom, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, the ſaid *Roger Gregory* had cauſed to be arreſted at his Suit, whilſt the ſaid *John Quarles* was attending, as a Witneſs, in a Matter depending before the Committee for Religion, out of Cuſtody, for which this Houſe will indemnify the ſaid *William Ruſſell*.

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the twenty-fifth Day of this Inſtant.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 4th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

A *Petition* of *Elizabeth Derrick*, Widow, in Behalf of herſelf, and her Son *Benjamin Goff*, an Infant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Month of *January*, 1770, *Jack*, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Eſtate of the Petitioner's former Huſband, was committed to the Gaol of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, charged with Felony, and was found guilty of Hogſtealing; and that, during his Confinement, he was ſo froſtbitten, that in a few Days after his Trial he died; and therefore praying, that the Houſe will allow the Petitioner the Value of the ſaid Slave.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of

of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for veſting in Truſtees certain Lands, whereof *William Booth*, Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the Money, ariſing from the Sale, in purchaſing other Lands, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Moſeley* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

The Houſe divided.

The *Noes* went forth.

Teller for the *Yeas*, Mr *Charles Carter*, 45

Teller for the *Noes*, Mr *Harriſon*, 32

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the ſecond reading of the Bill for appointing an Agent;

The ſaid *Bill* was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That all the Letters which have paſſed between the Committee of Correſpondence and *Edward Montagu*, Eſq; late Agent for this Colony, ſince his Appointment until the firſt Day of *November*, 1769, be laid before the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Corporation of the Borough of *Norfolk* to aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof, for the Purpoſe therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Waſhington* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *John Robinſon* late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of five Pounds, for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of ſix Pounds, *per Annum*, during Life, as a Conſideration for the Wounds he received, and the Hardſhips he underwent, in the Service of the Colony.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Sum of five Pounds be paid to *John Robinſon*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment; and that the Sum of ſix Pounds, *per Annum*, be paid to the ſaid *John Robinſon*, during his Life, as a Recompence for the Wounds he received, and the Hardſhips he underwent, in the Service of his County.

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of ſeveral perſons, of the County of *Loudoun*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a public Ferry over

Potowmack

Potowmack River, from the Land of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Tankerville*, at a Plantation in Poſſeſſion of *John Furrow* and *Alexander Ream*, would be very convenient; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs for eſtabliſhing a Ferry there.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Philip Hand* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner was a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, and whilſt he ſerved as ſuch, received a Wound by a Shot in his left Arm, which hath diſabled him from maintaining himſelf by his own Labour; and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe;

And it is *referred* to Mr *Rutherford*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Lewis*, and Mr *Wood*.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Nanſemond*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying that an Act may paſs for defraying the Expence of repairing *Nottoway* Bridge, and of improving the Roads in the Counties of *Brunſwick*, *Southampton*, and *Iſle of Wight*, by a Toll to be laid upon certain loaded Waggons and Carts.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Culpeper*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of a petition of ſeveral other Perſons of the ſaid County, for adding that Part of the ſaid County which lies between the *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers to the County of *Orange*; and ſetting forth, that the propoſed Alteration would deprive the County of *Culpeper* of a large Proportion of the Tithables thereof, and make the Form of it irregular, and that the Inconvenience complained of is common to ſome of the Inhabitants of almoſt every County, thoſe who reſide in the extreme Parts being in many Places nearer to the Court-Houſe of another County than to that of their own; and therefore praying that the petition for the ſaid Alteration may be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Culpeper*, for adding that Part of the ſaid County which lies between the *Rapidan* and *Robinſon* Rivers to the County of *Orange* is referred; and that they do examine the Matter of this petition, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Robert Hamilton*, of the County of *Loudoun*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner having been bound by a Recognizance to appear at the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in the Month of *June*, in the Year 1767, as a Witneſs againſt *James Golding*, charged with Felony, attended accordingly, and was examined; but that his allowance for that Service was not levied; and therefore praying that the ſame may be levied.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the petition of *John Young* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Slave *Moſes*, in the Petition mentioned, was a Runaway, and was duly outlawed; that during the Time he continued out, he was guilty of Felony and Burglary; that he was apprehended, and carried before a Magiſtrate, who

who, upon Examination, committed him to Gaol, in Order that he might be tried for the ſaid Offence; but that, in a very ſhort Time after the Gaoler received him, he expired,
61 occaſioned, as was ſuppoſed, by the great Fatigue he underwent in endeavoring to eſcape his Purſuers. It further appears to your Committee that the ſaid Slave was worth eighty Pounds.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the ſaid Sum of eighty Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *John Taliaferro*, praying that the Ferry acroſs *Rappahannock* River, from the Landing, formerly *Hackley's*, in the County of *King George*, to the Land of *Richard Corbin*, Eſq; in the County of *Caroline*, may be re-eſtabliſhed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Auguſta* County as prays that a Sum of Money may be granted for opening a new Road over the blue Ridge of Mountains, at a Place called *Craig's Gap*, between *Swift Run* and *Rockfiſh Gaps*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſuch other Part of the ſaid petition, as prays the Aid of the Houſe, towards altering and amending the Roads at *Rockfiſh* and *Swift Run Gaps*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid petition, praying that the Courts of the Counties adjacent to the County of *Auguſta*, and through which the Roads from *Rockfiſh* and *Swift Run Gaps* are extended, may be obliged to levy Money on their reſpective Counties, for keeping the ſame in Repair, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Freeholders of the County of *Auguſta*, praying that the Juſtices of the ſaid County may be empowered to levy as much Money on the Inhabitants thereof as ſhall be ſufficient for repairing the Roads over the blue Ridge of Mountains, at *Swift Run* and *Rockfiſh Gaps*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover*, *Albemarle*, *Auguſta*, and *Botetourt*, praying that a Sum of Money may be granted for opening a ſafe and good Road from the Warm Springs to *Jening's Gap*, and that a Turnpike may be eſtabliſhed, and Truſtees appointed to receive Subſcriptions, for keeping the ſaid Road in Repair, and building Houſes for the Reception of the Sick, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Pitt*, praying that he may be empowered by Law to erect Gates acroſs the Road leading to the Public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, on the Land of the ſaid *John*, is reaſonable.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ſecond* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Auguſta* County, as prays

prays that a Sum of Money may be granted, for opening a new Road over the blue Ridge of Mountains, at a Place called *Craig's Gap*, between *Swift Run* and *Rockfiſh Gaps*, be rejected.

The *third* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The *fourth* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee of Propoſition and Grievances.

The *fifth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The ſubſequent *Reſolutions* of the Committee, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid ſixth Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which were reported to the Houſe, upon *Friday*, the 28th Day of laſt Month, and which were agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſeventh Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge* is ſeiſed, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying a Salary to the Keeper of the Public Gaol; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying a Salary to* Peter Pelham, *Organiſt;* and alſo,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for cutting a navigable Canal from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through the City of *Williamſburg, with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid *Amendments* into Conſideration.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read; and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 2, after "*through*" inſert "*or near.*"

In the Title, after "*through*" inſert "*or near.*"

The ſaid *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill to repeal one Clauſe of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[3] *for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful hunting and ranging;*

The ſaid *Bill* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to repeal one Clauſe of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled An Act for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful hunting and ranging.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Marable* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the fifteenth Day of this Inſtant.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 638. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 556. [3] Ibid, V, p. 403. [4] Not recorded as a law.

Southampton, and *Iſle of Wight*, by a Toll to be impoſed on certain loaded Waggons and Carts, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to whom the Bill for further continuing the Acts for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the third and fourth of the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *William Todd*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Ralph Wormeley* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that by an Act, paſſed in the 7th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, the Intail of a Tract of Land, on *Wormeley's* Creek, in the County of *York*, whereof the Petitioner was ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee Tail, was docked, and, in Lieu thereof, four thouſand Acres of Land, in the County of *Frederick*, were ſettled as an Equivalent; and further ſetting forth, that the Value of the ſaid Land in *Frederick* exceeds the Value of the ſaid Land in *York*, and that the Petitioner intends to leave a great Number of Slaves, with his other entailed Lands, to his eldeſt Son, who is willing and conſents that the ſaid Land in *Frederick* may be veſted in the Petitioner in Fee Simple, that he may be enabled to make Proviſion for his younger Sons; and therefore praying that Leave may be given to bring 84
in a Bill for veſting the ſaid four thouſand Acres of Land in the Petitioner in Fee Simple.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid petition, and that Mr *Berkeley* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Alexander* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing Line between the Counties of *Stafford* and *King George;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Prince William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Tobacco Fees of public Officers are exorbitant, oppreſſive, and unequal, and that the Penalties inflicted for charging unwarrantable Fees are too ſmall; and therefore praying the Houſe to take thoſe Matters into Conſideration, and to grant ſuch Relief as ſhall appear juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, is committed.

A *Petition* of *Robert Garrett*, and *William Plunket*, late Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Conway's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Caroline*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1770, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Care and Vigilance of the Petitioners, there were ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe fifteen hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for which they have been obliged to make Satiſfaction to the Proprietors thereof, and therefore praying to be reimburſed by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for re-eſtabliſhing an Inſpection of Tobacco on *Totuſkey* Creek, in the County of *Richmond; and alſo*, for disjoining the Inſpections at *Hampton* and *Denbigh;* and alſo for repealing that Part of the ſaid Act which allows the Purchaſers of Tobacco to have the ſame reviewed.

A *Petition* of *John Reynolds* and *William Edmondſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Hobbs Hole* Warehouſe, in the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting

[1] Hening, V, p. 326. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 69.

ſetting forth, that, in *January* laſt, the ſaid Warehouſe was broke open, and a Hogſhead of Tobacco was ſtolen thereout, for which the Petitioners are liable to make Satisfaction to the Owner; and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Gray* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Robert Garrett* and *Henry Ware*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Conway's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Caroline*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in the Year 1771, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Care and Vigilance of the Petitioners, there were ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe three Hogſheads of Tobacco weighing three thouſand and one hundred Pounds, for which they have been obliged to make Satiſfaction to the Proprietors thereof; and therefore praying to be reimburſed by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Blackwell* the younger is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Chriſtopher Perfect*, *Joſhua Taylor*, and *John Macginnis*, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, having been bound by Recognizance to appear at the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *December*, 1767, as Witneſſes againſt *James Golding*, a Criminal ſent from the County of *Loudoun*, to be tried before the ſaid Court, appeared accordingly, and were examined; but that their Allowance for Travelling and Attendance was not levied; and therefore praying, that the ſame may now be levied; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of *Thomas Lewis*, Adminiſtrator of the Eſtate of *Richard Coombs*, deceaſed, ſetting forth, that *Mary Coombs*, for whoſe Appearance at a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *December*, 1767, as a Witneſs againſt *James Golding*, a Criminal ſent from the County of *Loudoun*, to be tried before the ſaid Court, the ſaid *Richard Coombs*, her Huſband, was bound by Recognizance, appeared accordingly, and was examined; but that her allowance for Travelling and Attendance was not levied; and therefore praying, that the ſame may now be levied for the petitioner, Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 6th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *William Bruce* and *William Harriſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Gibſon's* and *Morton's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, had been referred, and to whom the Report of the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, were recommitted, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Damage which the Tobacco received was not occaſioned by any Neglect of the Inſpectors, but by a great Rain that fell in the Month of *May* laſt, and flowed into the ſaid Warehouſes, an Inſtance of which does not appear before to have happened there, and damaged the Tobacco that lay next to the Ground, although it was placed on Pieces of Timber to ſecure it. It further appears to your Committee, by ſeveral Certificates, and a Liſt produced, that fourteen Hogſheads of the ſaid Tobacco, weighing Nett 16,123 Pounds, were the property of *Robert Gilchriſt*, for which he paid at the Rate of twenty Shillings *per Cent.* ſeven Hogſheads, Nett 7071 Pounds, were the Property of *Thomas Hodge*, for which he paid at the Rate of fourteen Shillings Sterling *Per Cent.* which ſaid twenty-one Hogſheads were refuſed by the Proprietors thereof, ſix Hogſheads, Nett 6157 Pounds, were the Property of Perſons unknown to the Petitioners, and one Hogſhead marked GC, No. 89, was twice entered in the ſaid Liſt; that there were eleven Hogſheads more omitted in the ſaid Petition, which the Owners received, that loſt 389 Pounds; and that by the ſaid Liſt the Marks, Numbers, and Weights, of the whole Tobacco, together with the Quantity damaged in each Hogſhead, appear as followeth:

Marks.	No.	Groſs.	Tare.	Nett.	Damage.	
RB.	133	1168	114	1054		
DG.	158	1160	109	1051	16	
Do.	159	1180	131	1049	153	
HT.	236	1133	106	1027	6	
Do.	238	1225	125	1100	4	
WS.	107	1309	126	1183	17	
SS.	66	1218	121	1097	25	
Do.	72	1299	130	1169	1	Belonging to *Robert Gilchriſt.*
Do.	73	1439	132	1307	3	
Do.	205	1294	125	1169	5	
Do.	208	1404	120	1284	1	
Do.	64	1286	123	1163	7	
GC.	94	1310	121	1208	31	
Do.	89	1374	112	1262	20	
				16123		
WS.	50	1250	121	1129	56	
WR.	228	1022	114	908	155	
Do.	289	1160	114	946	86	Belonging to *Thomas Hodge.*
WS.	111	1222	119	1103	111	
Do.	323	1160	93	1067	55	
RS.	128	1024	114	910	70	
IP.	97	1117	109	1008	115	
				7071		
WR.	124	1096	104	992	44	
WC.	177	1236	107	1129	17	Belonging to Perſons unknown to the Petitioners.
TC.	62	1254	95	1159	40	
WC.	174	1277	104	1173	88	
RP.	279	1173	106	1067	7	
IK.	197	755	118	637	26	
				6157		
GC.	89	1374	112	1264	20	A Duplicate
EP.	380	1102	105	997	4	
SS.	336	1104	102	1002	52	
IA.	246	1080	104	978	10	
MD.	115	1114	116	998	31	
RS.	262	1271	109	1162	20	Received by the owners thereof.
IC.	104	1110	105	1005	5	
WS.	74	1177	114	1063	23	
MR.	161	1054	104	950	4	
WM.	258	1170	109	1061	133	
HL.	369	1425	122	1303	40	
IG.	330	1139	115	1028	67	

Whereupon

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolutions:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid petition as relates to the damaged Tobacco is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed at the following Rates, for ſuch Tobacco as appears by the ſaid Liſt to have loſt upwards of twenty-four Pounds in the Hogſhead, that was refuſed by the Owners, to wit, for three Hogſheads of the ſaid *Gilchriſt's* Tobacco, weighing Nett 3354 Pounds, at twenty Shillings *per Cent.* for ſeven Hogſheads, the ſaid *Hodge's* Property, weighing Nett 7071 Pounds, at ſixteen Shillings and ten Pence *per Cent.* and for four Hogſheads, the Property of Perſons unknown to the Petitioners, weighing Nett 3961 Pounds, and 493 pounds, the loſs ſuſtained in the eleven Hogſheads, which were received, and the other ſix Hogsheads that loſt leſs than twenty-five Pounds each, at twenty Shillings *per Cent.* and the further Sum of four Pounds ſeventeen Shillings and ſix pence for their Trouble in uncaſing and trimming the whole Tobacco, and ſecuring the good that was ſaved.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the fourteen Hogſheads of Tobacco, for which the Petitioners are allowed, ought to be ſold for the Benefit of the Public.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution; and that the Committee of Public Claims do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

78 Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, who were appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, and to ſtate in Account as well the Balance due from the late Treaſurer to the Public, as the ſeveral Funds by Law appropriated for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, together with the Amount of ſuch Notes remaining in Circulation, and alſo to ſtate an Account of the Balances now due from the ſeveral Sheriffs, for Taxes, that the Committee had examined and ſtated the ſaid Accounts accordingly, and had directed him to report the ſame, as they appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

The *Committee* have examined the Treaſurer's Accounts of the ſeveral Sums of Money received and iſſued at the Public Treaſury ſince the laſt Settlement in General Aſſembly, and, upon comparing them with the proper Vouchers, find that they are fairly and juſtly ſtated.

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Balance in the Treaſurer's Hands for Caſh received from the ſeveral Collectors of Taxes appropriated to the Redemption of the old Treaſury Notes amounted to 9178 *l.* 6 *s.* 4 *d.* of which they have burned and deſtroyed 3550 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.* that of the Taxes impoſed for the Redemption of the 10,000 *l.*, iſſued in the Year 1770, there hath been received in the Whole 11,487 *l.* 9 *s.*8 *d.* Farthing, of which there was formerly burned, by the ſtanding Committee, 290 *l.* and your Committee have now burned and deſtroyed 113 *l.* ſo that there remains in the Treaſury on the former Account, a Balance of 5628 *l.* 0 1 *d.* and on the latter, after deducting the Treaſurer's Commiſſions, a Balance of 10,785 *l.* 2 *s.* 1 *d.* Farthing; which ſeveral Balances the Treaſurer produced to us.

Your *Committee* likewiſe find that there is in the Treaſurer's Hands a Balance of 1882 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.*½ due to the Account of the Public Treaſury, which the Treaſurer alſo produced.

Your *Committee* have examined the State of the old Treaſury Notes, and find that of them there now remains in Circulation 88,189 *l.* 15 *s.* They have alſo examined the late Treaſurer's Account, and find a Balance of 72,362 *l.* 19 *s.* 4 *d.* principal Money ſtill due from his Eſtate to the Public.

It *appears*, that of the old Arrears due from the Collectors of the Land and Poll Tax, and Taxes on Carriages, there is ſtill due the Sum of 18,748 *l.* 1 *s.* 3 *d.* a particular Account of which is annexed; that there are ſeveral arrears due from ſome of the Clerks and other Collectors, the amount of which cannot be exactly aſcertained, as their Accounts are

not

not made up at the Treaſury; but it is ſuppoſed they cannot be leſs than 2000 *l.* Upon the whole Matter, it appears to your Committee, that the Funds appropriated for the Redemption of the old Treaſury Notes, when the Arrears are paid in, will exceed the Sum in Circulation 10,549 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.* which your Committee are hopeful will be amply ſufficient to make good all Loſſes that may happen in the ſaid Arrears, and all Expences attending the Collection thereof. Add to this the ſeveral Treaſury Notes which have probably been loſt and deſtroyed, which your Committee are of the Opinion will prove a conſiderable Saving to the Country, though they cannot pretend to fix the amount of the ſame. For the better Illuſtration of this Part of their Report, your Committee beg Leave to refer to the annexed Account.

Your *Committee* ſubmit to the Conſideration of the Houſe what Meaſures ought to be purſued to enforce the moſt expeditious Payment of the ſeveral Arrears, and humbly give it as their Opinion that ſome certain Period ought to be fixed for calling in and ſinking all the old Treaſury Notes now in Circulation.

The ſaid *Account*, annexed to the Report, is as followeth, *viz.*

Dr. The Colony of *Virginia* for the Redemption of the old Treaſury Notes. Cr.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*		*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance of Notes in Circulation,	88189	15	0	By the principal Debt due from the late Treaſurer's Eſtate,	72362	19	11
Balance,	10549	6	3				
	98739	1	3	By Balance due from the ſeveral Sheriffs,	18748	1	3
				By Balance from Inſpectors Clerks, and Sheriffs, for Wheel Carriages, about	2000	0	0
				By Balance now in the Treaſury, in Specie, for the Redemption of the old Notes,	5628	0	1
					98739	1	3

M^r *Bland* from the ſaid Committee alſo delivered in at the Clerk's Table an Account of the Balances now due from the ſeveral Sheriffs for Taxes.

The ſaid *Report* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer's Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Bland* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account of the Balances due from the ſeveral Sheriffs for Taxes do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Roger Gregory* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, in Obedience to the Authority of the Houſe, he is attending, in Order to receive ſuch Sentence as the Houſe ſhall be pleaſed to inflict for his Offence; that he is very deeply concerned to have incurred their Diſpleaſure; and that he did not know, that a Witneſs, ſummoned to attend any Committee appointed by the Houſe, was privileged from Arreſts, having never heard of the ſtanding Order of the Houſe for the Protection of ſuch Witneſs; that his ſole Motive for requeſting Suits to be brought againſt M^r *Richeſon* and M^r *Quarles*, in the Court of *York*, was the Certainty of a more ſpeedy Determination there, than he could expect in the Court of the County where they reſide; and that he had deſired the Perſon, who carried the Letter to his Attorney, directing thoſe Suits to be brought, to deliver a Meſſage, not to do anything in the Matter, if the Defendants were entitled to Privilege; and humbly aſking Pardon of the Houſe for his Offence.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Roger Gregory* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

M^r *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Lands on both Sides of *James* River, from *Weſtham*, to the navigable

gable Water, below the Falls of the ſaid River, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Memorial* of the Deputy Clerk of the County Court of *Hampſhire*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth a great Variety of impertinent and incoherent Matter, upon the Subject of Officers Fees; and not complaining of any Grievance, nor praying for any Relief.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Memorial be rejected.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs, in *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* and Mr *Yelverton Peyton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for appointing an Agent, be now read.

And the ſaid *Order* being read accordingly;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Bill be engroſſed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Ordered, That Mr *Burnley* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 7th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided into two diſtinct Counties, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of other Inhabitants of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition thereto, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Loudoun* County, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed acroſs *Potowmack* River, from the Land of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Tankerville*, in the Tenure and Occupation of *John Furrow*, and *Alexander Reame*, in the ſaid County of *Loudoun*, to the Oppoſite Shore in *Maryland*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New Kent* County, praying that the Inſpections of Tobacco at *Littlepage's* and *Waddy's* Warehouſes, may be diſunited, is reaſonable.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *King William*, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Waller's* Warehouſe may be revived, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *King & Queen* County, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Walkerton* may be revived, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Royſton's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying that their Salaries may be increaſed to ſixty Pounds *per Annum*, which were formerly allowed them, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Robert King*, one of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at the *Piping Tree* Warehouſe, praying that he may be permitted to keep an Ordinary at the ſaid Warehouſe, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing ſo much of the Act made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas* over the *Fluvanna* to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the third Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for further continuing the Act made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for diſuniting the Inſpections of Tobacco at *Littlepage's* and *Waddy's* Warehouſes, in the County of *New-Kent;* and alſo for reviving the Inſpections of Tobacco at *Waller's* Warehouſe, in the County of *King William*, and at *Walkerton*, in the County of *King & Queen*, and uniting the former with *Quarles's*, and the latter with *Mantapike* Inſpections; and alſo for increaſing the Salaries of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Royſton's*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, to ſixty Pounds *per Annum*.

Ordered, That M[r] *Tebbs* be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, and of Public Claims.

M[r] *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, acording to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Hancock* is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Chiefs of the *Nottoway Indians* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that by an Act, paſſed in the eighth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, Truſtees were appointed to ſell the Lands therein mentioned, belonging to that Nation of *Indians*, and ſituate on the North Side of *Nottoway* River, ſo as no Perſon ſhould be allowed to purchaſe more than four hundred Acres in one Tract; and that in ſurveying and laying off the ſaid Land into ſuch Lots, ſeveral ſmall Parcels were left undiſpoſed of, which are not occupied by the ſaid *Indians*, all their Lands on the North Side of the ſaid River, except thoſe ſmall Parcels, being conveyed to ſundry Perſons in Purſuance of the ſaid recited Act, and other Acts of Aſſembly; and that it will be for the Advantage of the Petitioners, that the ſame ſhould be ſold; and further repreſenting, that the Petitioners are in Poſſeſſion of a large quantity of Land on the South Side of the ſaid River *Nottoway*, moſt of which is unoccupied by, and of little Uſe to them; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs empowering Perſons to ſell all the remaining Lands of the Petitioners on the North Side of the ſaid River, and to leaſe out for their Benefit Part not exceeding half of their Lands on the South Side.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 44. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 69.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Gray*, and Mr *Taylor*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Stubblefield* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Friday* next.

A *Petition* of *John Thornley*, and *William Harriſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Gibſon's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1770, two Hogſheads of Crop, and a Parcel of Tranſfer Tobacco, in the Whole amounting to two thouſand three hundred and nineteen Pounds, were ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſes; and praying to be allowed for their ſaid Loſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Fitzhugh* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for calling in and ſinking the old Treaſury Notes now in Circulation; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Digges*, and Mr *Fitzhugh*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* for better regulating the Election of Veſtries was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for clearing* Matapony *River*; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Berkeley*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Patrick Henry*, Mr *Baniſter*, and Mr *Alexander*, be added to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the more ſpeedy and eaſy Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

A *Bill* for dividing the County of *Frederick* into three diſtinct Counties was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Brooke*, and Mr *Berkeley*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevennight.

A *Bill* for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*,
71 was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Bill* to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Bill* to empower the Corporation of the Borough of *Norfolk* to aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof for the Purpoſe therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for further continuing the Act, intituled An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *to prevent malicious maiming and wounding*, was read a ſecond Time.

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[1] Hening, VI. p. 394. [2] Ibid, VII. p. 106. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 514. [4] Ibid, VI. p. 250.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances,

An engroſſed *Bill* for veſting in Truſtees certain Lands whereof *William Booth*, Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, are ſeized in Fee Tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the Money ariſing from the Sale in purchaſing other Lands, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for veſting in Truſtees certain Lands whereof* William Booth, *Gentleman, and* Elizabeth *his Wife, are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the Money ariſing from the Sale in purchaſing other Lands, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing Line between the Counties of *Stafford* and *King George*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *William Todd*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M[r] *Edmund Pendleton*, M[r] *Corbin*, M[r] *Aylett*, M[r] *Moore*, and M[r] *Montagu*.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Blackwell*, the younger, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M[r] *Treaſurer*, M[r] *Patrick Henry*, M[r] *Smith*, M[r] *Aylett*, M[r] *Moore*, M[r] *Corbin*, and M[r] *Edmund Pendleton*.

A *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Lands on both Sides of *James* River, from *Weſtham*, to the navigable Water below the Falls of the ſaid River, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs, in *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 9th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That M[r] *Talbot*, and M[r] *Anderſon* be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, and of Public Claims.

M[r] *Richard Lee* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *John Doncaſtle* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee* that two of the Petitioner's Waggons were, by Order of *William Byrd*, Eſquire, employed one hundred and ninety ſix Days, each, in the Service of the Colony, in the Year 1759, for which it does not appear to your Committee that the Petitioner has received any Satiſfaction.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of two hundred and twenty-five

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 640.

five Pounds and eight Shillings for the Services aforeſaid, with Intereſt on the ſame, from the ninth Day of *June*, 1770, till paid.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of *Surry* County, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Turner* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner had been Inſpector of Tobacco at the Warehouſes at the College and Capitol Landings for many Years, and hopes he always executed his Office with Integrity and Approbation; and that he is obliged to keep a Negro to aſſiſt in the laborious Work at the ſaid Warehouſes, for which, and his own Attendance, he uſed to receive a Salary of thirty-five Pounds, which was reduced the laſt General Aſſembly to twenty-five Pounds, a Sum by no Means adequate to his Trouble and Expence; and therefore praying, that his ſaid Salary may be raiſed to what it formerly was.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Lee* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom ſeveral petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Robert Hamilton*, to be allowed for traveling to, and attending the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *December*, 1767, as a Witneſs for the King againſt *James Golding*, a Criminal from *Loudoun* County, is reaſonable; and that the petitioner ought to be allowed ſix hundred and eighteen Pounds of Tobacco for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Thomas Lewis*, Adminiſtrator of the Eſtate of *Richard Coombs*, deceaſed, to be allowed for *Mary*, the Wife of the ſaid *Richard*, her travelling to, and attending the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *December*, 1767, as a Witneſs for the King againſt *James Golding*, a Criminal from *Loudoun* County, is reaſonable; and that the petitioner ought to be allowed ſix hundred and eighteen Pounds of Tobacco for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Chriſtopher Perfect*, *Joſhua Taylor*, and *John Macginnis*, to be allowed for traveling to, and attending the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *December*, 1767, as Witneſſes for the King againſt *James Golding*, a Criminal from *Loudoun* County, is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed ſix hundred and eighteen Pounds of Tobacco, each, for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Blandford* Warehouſe, in the County of *Prince George*, to be allowed for the Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, be rejected; it appearing, that, at the Time the ſaid Tobacco was loſt, the ſaid Warehouſe was inſufficient.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Nathaniel Raines* and *Lewis Brown*, Inſpectors at *Boyd's* Warehouſes, as relates to the Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſes, be rejected; it appearing, that, at the Time the ſaid Tobacco was loſt, the ſaid Warehouſes were inſufficient.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed the Sum of ten Pounds,

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each, for their Trouble the laſt Year, and the further Allowance of ten Pounds, each, *per Annum*, for the future, as an Increaſe of Salary.

The *firſt*, *ſecond*, and *third* Reſolutions of the Committee, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *fourth* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee of Public Claims.

The *fifth* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee of Public Claims.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for further continuing an Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for increaſing the Salaries of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Boyd's* Warehouſes, in the County of *Prince George*, ten Pounds *per Annum*, each.

A *Petition* of ſeveral perſons, of the County of *Fairfax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that two Lots in the Town of *Colcheſter*, in the ſaid County, Numbers 6 and 42, on which, with a third Lot, Number 29, an Inſpection of Tobacco was eſtabliſhed in or about the Year 1763, being improper Situations, the Warehouſes were built upon the ſaid Lot Number 29, and upon an adjoining Lot, Number 7, belonging to the ſame Proprietor; and that the Court of the ſaid County have lately ordered another Warehouſe to be built in the ſaid Town, the moſt convenient Place for which, there not being Room on the ſaid Lots 7 and 29, is the Lot, Number 8, adjoining one of the others; and further ſetting forth, that the Salary allowed to each of the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſes, which has been lately reduced to thirty five Pounds, *per Annum*, is inadequate to their Trouble, leſs than is allowed to other Inſpectors whoſe Services do not deſerve more, and not ſufficient to engage Men of Characters to undertake the Office; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Lots 7 and 8, inſtead of 6 and 42, may be eſtabliſhed as the legal Inſpection; and that the Salaries of the ſaid Inſpectors may be made equal with thoſe of other Inſpectors, who perform no greater Services; and that the Inſpectors of the laſt Year may have a reaſonable Compenſation for their Trouble.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which were reported to the Houſe, upon *Friday*, the 28th Day of laſt Month, and which were agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, to empower *James Edmondſon* to erect a Gate or Gates upon the main Road leading through his Land, from *Piſcataway* Ferry, in the County of *Eſſex*.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of divers of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Albemarle*, in the County of *Suſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Pariſh is extenſive, and the Tithables thereof numerous, and that there are four Churches in it; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided into two Pariſhes.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 389.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition be rejected.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Coleman* and *Thomas Butler*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Aylett's* and *Todd's* Warehouſes, in the Counties of *King William* and *King and Queen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying that their Salaries may be increaſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants on *Goofe* Creek, in the County of *Bedford*, praying that *Jeremiah Early* may be compelled to open a Gate in his Mill Dam, at the Mouth of the ſaid Creek, for admitting Fiſh, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of *Bedford* County, praying that an Act may paſs, directing Slopes to be made in Mill Dams, and impowering certain Perſons to preſcribe the Manner of making the ſame, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 10th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, praying a Diſſolution of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and alſo the Petition of ſeveral Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Upon the firſt *Article* of Charge, "ſuggeſting that a Party Spirit ſubſiſts amongſt the Members of the Veſtry, whereby the Buſineſs of the Pariſh is retarded, and other great Inconveniences ſuſtained," it appears to your Committee, from the Teſtimony of *William Peters Martin*, that he heard Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, one of the Veſtry, ſay, upon being told the Pariſhioners were diſſatiſfied with the Conduct of the Veſtry, and particularly at their not Meeting, that he would never attend as a Veſtryman again; that he knows ſome of the Pariſhioners refuſed to receive the Orders of Veſtry for Proceſſioning, alledging that they had not been made in proper Time; that he heard Col. *Francis Weſt*, when in Liquor and in a Paſſion, but out of Veſtry, declare that he had rather be found at Sheepſtealing, than in Veſtry again, and that he would never more go to Veſtry; that Mr *John Quarles*, another of the Veſtry, reſenting this Behaviour, ſome

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Abuſe followed on both Sides, and a Struggle enſued; that this happened upwards of a Year ago; that the ſaid *Martin*, upon hearing who were Candidates for Seats in the Veſtry, in Caſe a Diſſolution ſhould take Place, publicly declared, if thoſe Candidates ſhould be elected, ſome of whom he thought ignorant Men, that the Pariſh, in his Opinion, would not be ſo well ſerved as by the preſent Veſtry; and that he therefore hoped the Veſtry would not be diſſolved.

It further appears to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *John Watkins*, that he has frequently attended the Veſtry; but never diſcovered any Party Spirit in the Members.

It alſo *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *Iſaac Quarles*, that he was at *King William* Court-Houſe, the 27th of *December* laſt, when a Veſtry was appointed to be held for laying the Pariſh Levy; that Col. *Braxton* deſired him to go to Col. *Francis Weſt*, and inform him, that there were ſix Veſtrymen aſſembled; and that he deſired he would come, in Order to make a Veſtry; but if the ſaid *Weſt* was not able, he was deſired to wait on Mr *Roger Gregory*, another Veſtryman, and tell him the ſame; that he accordingly went to Col. *Weſt's* Houſe, and delivered his Meſſage, but the ſaid *Weſt* was unable to attend; that, Mr *Gregory* being preſent, he delivered him the like Meſſage, but the ſaid *Gregory* ſaid, he had been waiting ſome Time there to ſee whether Col. *Bernard* and *Thomas Moore* went up the Road, that it was then too late to do Buſineſs, and he would not go; that the ſaid *Quarles* ſtayed at Col. *Weſt's* about an Hour, when he returned to the Court-Houſe, the Sun being about an Hour high; that the Diſtance from Col. *Weſt's* to the Court-Houſe is about ſeven Miles.

It likewiſe *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *Thomas Roſe*, that he hath been Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry about four Years; that he never obſerved any Diſputes in the ſaid Veſtry, or anything of a Party Spirit, amongſt the Members, except what is hereafter mentioned; that about eighteen months ago, upon a Queſtion being agitated in Veſtry, whether they ſhould purchaſe Land for a new Glebe, or add to the old one, ſome Warmths and Diſputes aroſe, but the Veſtry came to no Concluſion that Day, upon that particular Buſineſs; that he thinks theſe Diſputes and Warmths might have prevented the Veſtry's coming to a Determination; that, when it was propoſed in Veſtry, that a Piece of Land called *Tuckcoman's* belonging to Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, ſhould be purchaſed for a Glebe, the ſaid *Claiborne* declared he thought the Pariſh not able to buy it, and that he would not vote in the Queſtion; that, though this was propoſed, and talked of in the Veſtry, no Queſtion was put relative to the ſaid Land, the Veſtry agreeing to wait and ſee how much could be raiſed by Subſcription, from an Unwillingneſs to tax the People more than 300 *l.* at that Time; that, to his Knowledge, no Queſtion was ever put at any other Time in Veſtry, concerning the Purchaſe of this Tract of Land; that, during his Clerkſhip, Mr *Thomas Claiborne* has given due Attendance, conducted himſelf, in his Opinion, as well as any Member of the ſaid Veſtry, and, as far as he knows or believes, with Candor and Impartiality.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of the Reverend *Henry Skyring*, that at a Veſtry held in *October*, 1770, ſome Words paſſed between him and Mr *Braxton*, a Member of the Veſtry, occaſioned, as he believes, by a Miſunderſtanding between them; that the Queſtion then put was, whether they ſhould add to the preſent Glebe, or purchaſe a new one? To which the ſaid *Skyring*, with ſome Warmth, anſwered that, as to adding to the old Glebe, "their Honours were at Stake to do it, ſhould he at any Time call upon them; but that the Situation of the Glebe was then Diſagreeable to him;" that there were other warm Diſputes amongſt the Members of the Veſtry that Day upon the ſame Queſtion; that Mr *Braxton* aſked him, out of Veſtry, whether it would be agreeable to him if the Veſtry ſhould come to a Reſolution of purchaſing a Tract of Land belonging to the ſaid *Braxton*, called *Broad Neck*, which Queſtion he remembers he did not anſwer; that Lands belonging to Mr *Quarles*, Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, and others, had been propoſed for the ſame Purpoſe, though Mr *Claiborne's* Land, he believes, was not mentioned when thoſe Diſputes happened; that Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, ever ſince his being of the Veſtry, has given due Attendance; that he thinks him an uſeful

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and an impartial Member; that when the ſaid *Claiborne's* Land was propoſed to be purchaſed for a Glebe, he declared he would not give his Vote, as he thought the Pariſh unable to make ſuch a Purchaſe; that, however, the Queſtion was never put; that the ſaid *Claiborne* attended the Day Mr *Gregory* was ſent for, and did not come; that he has not yet received his Salary for the Year 1769, when the ſaid *Claiborne* was Collector, though he does not blame him, or any of the Veſtry, but his Deputy *Thomas Littlepage*, whom he had ſo good an Opinion of, at that Time, that he would have preferred him as a Collector; that he has ſeen, from under the Hand of ſaid *Littlepage*, a State of his Accounts as Deputy Collector for the ſaid *Claiborne*, wherein he fully acquits the ſaid *Claiborne* from the Payment of the Miniſter, and the other Pariſh Creditors; that the firſt Time the Veſtry was called was, as he thinks, the 18th of *November* laſt; there were preſent Col. *Francis Weſt*, Meſſ. *John Quarles*, *Garlick*, *Braxton*, and *John Weſt;* that Mr *Philip Whitehead Claiborne* was at that Time on his Death Bed; that Col. *Bernard Moore* was very ill with the Gout; that Mr *Roger Gregory* had loſt his Lady not more than three or four Days before, and that Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, as he underſtood, was attending *Eſſex* Court; that he cannot particularly ſay what was the Reaſon of Col. *Thomas Moore's* not attending, but believes, at that Time, he was afraid of the Sheriff; that the next Time, they propoſed to hold a Veſtry, the ſame Reaſons, in ſome Meaſure, prevailed to prevent it; the ſaid *Philip Whitehead Claiborne*, and *Bernard Moore*, could not poſſibly attend, and Mrs *Gregory* was not then buried.

It also *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *Fendall Southerland*, that he has often been at Veſtries held for *Saint John's* Pariſh, and has heard many Diſputes among the Veſtrymen, which he thinks ſeemed to look like a Party Spirit in the ſaid Veſtry; that he hath heard Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, Mr *Gregory*, Col. *Francis Weſt*, and others, of the ſaid Veſtry, ſay that the Veſtry wanted to make Parties to carry Points; that Mr *William Dandridge*, one of the Veſtry, has reſigned, and he heard the ſaid *Dandridge* ſay he did it on Account of ſome Diſputes which happened in Veſtry; that ſeveral of the Perſons appointed to proceſſion Lands have declared that they would not proceed in their Buſineſs, as the Time for beginning was paſt before they received the Orders, and they could not compleat them before the Return Day; that he was at the Court-Houſe the 27th of *December* laſt, the Day appointed to lay the Pariſh Levy, and there being only ſix Members, a Meſſenger was diſpatched for Col. *Weſt*, as the ſaid *Southerland* underſtood, or Mr *Gregory*, if Col. *Weſt* could not come; that when the Meſſenger returned, he informed the Members of the Veſtry preſent, that the ſaid *Weſt* was too much indiſpoſed to attend, and that the ſaid *Gregory* ſaid he had waited ſome Time for Col. *Moore* to have gone up with him, but that it was then too late, and he would not come, or Words to that Purpoſe; that upon this being told the ſaid *Braxton*, he declared he never would meet in that Veſtry again, and that it was high Time for a Diſſolution; that he would draw a Petition for the People to ſign for that Purpoſe, which he did, as the ſaid *Braxton* informed him; that he believes the ſaid *Braxton*, with many others, ſigned the ſaid Petition; that he hath heard the ſaid *Braxton*, *Thomas Claiborne*, *John Quarles*, *Roger Gregory*, and *Francis Weſt*, declare that they were willing a Diſſolution ſhould take Place, and would ſign a petition; that he heard the ſaid *Thomas Claiborne* in Veſtry, ſome Years ago, ſay the Veſtry had levied 2000 lbs. of Tobacco for the Miniſter contrary to Law; and that, if for no other Reaſon, the ſaid Veſtry ought to be diſſolved; that he has heard ſome others of the Veſtry declare that, as there was not one of the Veſtry living who had been choſen by the People, the ſaid Veſtry ought to be diſſolved for that Reaſon.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *Holt Richeſon*, that he was at a Veſtry held at the Court Houſe, when a Diſpute happened about purchaſing Land for a new Glebe; that Mr *Roger Gregory*, ſome Time before that, deſired him to ſpeak to Mr *William Dandridge*, to join their Party; on which he, thinking the ſaid *Dandridge* was not to be influenced, told him he did not chuſe to do it, as he thought it would be uſing the ſaid *Dandridge very ill*, and that he would have a Right to break his Head; to which the ſaid *Gregory* replied, if the ſaid *Dandridge* did not join them, they could not carry their Point in purchaſing a Piece of Land, called *Tuckcoman's*; that in Courſe of

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the Debate, that Day, about purchaſing *Tuckcoman's*, Col. *Weſt* inſiſted it would be cheaper to purchaſe that Land than to add to the Glebe; on which ſeveral Diſputes aroſe, and the Veſtry broke up, without doing any Buſineſs; that the ſame Evening he heard Mr *William Dandridge* declare he would not ſit in Veſtry again, unleſs it was to lay the Pariſh Levy, and ſoon afterwards he reſigned; that ſome Time laſt Fall, being at Mr *Thomas Claiborne's*, in Converſation with him, the ſaid *Claiborne* mentioned ſome Gentlemen, who he thought would be proper to fill up the Vacancies in the Veſtry; that Mr *Claiborne* further ſaid, that he himſelf, and Mr *Gregory*, had pitched upon three as Veſtrymen, who, if they were choſen, would join them, and then the lower Gentlemen, would have a ſtronger Party than the upper, and they ſhould be able to do as they pleaſed, or Words to that Effect; that the ſaid *Richeſon* replied, if Col. *Thomas Moore* appeared at Veſtry, the upper Members would be on a footing with them, and they could not carry their Point; to which ſaid *Claiborne* anſwered, if he, *Moore*, would not join them, he would put a Paper into Mr *Roſe*, the Sheriff's Hands, which ſhould keep him from attending, by which Means it would be in his Power to have those Gentlemen choſen he had pitched upon; that the Perſons the ſaid *Claiborne* mentioned to have joined him in carrying the Point, of chuſing Veſtrymen, were Col. *Francis Weſt*, Mr *John Weſt*, and Mr *Roger Gregory*, and the Perſons propoſed to be choſen were Meſſ. *Ferdinando Leigh*, *William Claiborne*, and *Richard Gregory*; that on his telling Mr *Braxton*, and Mr *William Dandridge*, the Converſation that paſſed between Mr *Thomas Claiborne* and him, Mr *Dandridge* anſwered, that before the Pariſh ſhould be impoſed upon, he would qualify, and act himſelf, as he was then re-choſen by the Veſtry; that accordingly the ſaid *Dandridge* went to Court to qualify, but no Court was held that Day; ſince which the ſaid *Dandridge's* Indiſpoſition has prevented his qualifying; that there are but nine Members qualified to act as Veſtrymen in the Pariſh, ſince the Death of Mr *Philip Whitehead Claiborne*, which happened ſome Time about the firſt of *December* laſt.

It likewiſe *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of Mr *William Dandridge*, Veſtryman of the ſaid Pariſh, that the Reaſon of his reſigning his Seat in Veſtry was, that after a Queſtion had been argued, and five of the Members, which were a Majority, had agreed to come to a Reſolution, and enter an Order thereupon, the other three Members, then preſent, refuſed to ſign the Orders, and the Veſtry were obliged to break up without doing any Buſineſs; that the three Gentlemen who refuſed to ſign, were Col. *Francis Weſt*, Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, and Mr *Roger Gregory;* and that it is cuſtomary, in that Veſtry, for all the Members preſent to ſign the Orders.

It alſo *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of Mr *Carter Braxton*, that on the 27th of *December* laſt, ſix of the Veſtry of *Saint John's* Pariſh, having met at *King William* Court-Houſe, to do the Buſineſs of the Pariſh, they, or ſome of them, deſired Mr *Claiborne* to write a Letter to Col. *Weſt*, and Mr *Roger Gregory*, deſiring them, or one of them, to attend, but a Meſſenger was diſpatched for that Purpoſe before Mr *Claiborne*, who had retired to write the Letter, returned with it; that the ſaid *Claiborne*, apprehenſive that the Veſtry might ſuſpect him of not having wrote what they had deſired, requeſted the ſaid *Braxton* to read the Letter, upon Peruſal of which he was fully convinced that it only contained the Senſe of the Veſtry; that the ſaid *Claiborne* told the ſaid *Braxton*, then Sheriff of the ſaid County, that he had an Execution againſt Mr *Thomas Moore*, who was then preſent, and was directed to put the ſaid Execution into the ſaid *Braxton's* Hands, but that he would not do it, as the ſaid *Moore* came up to do the Pariſh Buſineſs; that he, the ſaid *Braxton*, never did diſcover any Party Spirit, or Partiality, in the ſaid *Claiborne*, as a Veſtryman; that he had often differed with him in Opinion, but that he did not impute it to any private Views of the ſaid *Claiborne;* that he thinks the ſaid *Claiborne* one of the moſt able and ſerviceable Veſtrymen in the Pariſh; that he, the ſaid *Braxton*, with the other Members of the Veſtry, did ſolicit Mr *William Dandridge*, who had reſigned, to reſume his Seat in the Veſtry; that the ſaid *Dandridge* made ſome ſlight Objections, as to the Propriety of reſigning one Day, and reſuming the ſame Place the next, but deſired ſome Time to think of it; that the Veſtry, however, re-elected the ſaid *Dandridge*, as they knew him to be a worthy Member; that the ſaid *Dandridge* has never

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yet qualified, but did ſome Time in *December* laſt, on being told what Mr *Richeſon* aſſerted, declare he would act rather than the Pariſh ſhould be impoſed upon. The ſaid *Braxton*, being aſked whether he did not deſire Mr *William Aylett* to meet at the next Court, in Order to qualify the ſaid *Dandridge*, before the meeting of the Veſtry, which was appointed to be held on the 27th of *December*, replied, that he did not remember ſuch Converſation, but would admit he had done ſo; the ſaid *Braxton* being aſked by Mr *Samuel Garlick* his Opinion of him, as a Veſtryman, replied, that he believed him to be a worthy, honeſt Man, and a good Veſtryman.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *Bernard Powers*, that he was at the Court-Houſe the 27th of *December* laſt, when a Veſtry was appointed to be held to lay the Pariſh Levy, and underſtanding that there was not a ſufficient Number to hold a Veſtry, Col. *Braxton* ſent Mr *Iſaac Quarles* for Col. *Weſt*, and Mr *Gregory;* that the ſaid *Quarles* returned, and informed the ſaid *Braxton* that Col. *Weſt* was unable to come, and that Mr *Gregory* would not come; that this ſeemed to diſpleaſe the ſaid *Braxton*, and he then declared he thought it was high Time to move for a Diſſolution, when the Gentlemen of the Veſtry would not attend to do Buſineſs, and that he would draw a Petition for that Purpoſe; that Mr *Thomas Claiborne*, another Veſtryman, who was then preſent, likewiſe ſaid, "do it as ſoon as you will, and if I don't ſign it, it will be becauſe I cannot write"; that ſoon after a Petition, ſaid to be drawn by the ſaid *Braxton*, was handed about, and the ſaid *Powers* was aſked to ſign it, which he did, with many others.

With *Reſpect* to the *ſecond* and *third* Articles of Charge, complaining that the ſaid Veſtry had made an Order to petition this Houſe for a Law to enable them to ſell their Glebe, and allow the Rector of the Pariſh fifty Pounds a Year, in Lieu thereof, and ſuggeſting that by the ſaid Veſtry's taking ſuch a Step, the Pariſh had loſt about the Sum of four hundred Pounds, ſubſcribed in that, and the neighbouring Pariſhes, to make Additions to the Glebe, it appears to your Committee, that the Veſtry judging their preſent Glebe inſufficient for the Miniſter, on the 29th Day of *November*, 1768, made an Order, appointing Mr *Philip Whitehead Claiborne*, *Samuel Garlick*, *William Dandridge*, *Thomas Moore*, and *John Weſt*, Gentlemen, or any three of them, to view the Lands of *James Quarles*, and make Report of the Value thereof to the next Veſtry; that at another Veſtry, held the 30th of *November*, 1770, the ſaid Veſtry not having then fixed on a Piece of Land for a Glebe, it was ordered, that *James Quarles*, *Francis Weſt*, *Bernard Moore*, *Philip Whitehead Claiborne*, *John Weſt*, *Samuel Garlick* and *Carter Braxton*, Gentlemen, or any three of them, ſhould meet at the Court Houſe, on *Tueſday* the 11th of *December* following, by nine o'Clock, to view the Lands adjacent to the Glebe, and make Report to the Veſtry of the Value and Conveniences of the ſame, that the ſaid Veſtry might be informed of the moſt proper Piece of Land that could be annexed to the Glebe.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, that on the 25th Day of *Auguſt*, 1770, the ſaid Veſtry, being apprehenſive that the Reverend Mr *Skyring* would leave their Pariſh, as they underſtood an advantageous Offer had been made him from another, in Hopes of inducing him to continue with them, ſet on Foot, and actually entered into Articles of Subſcription, in the Words following, to wit: "We the Subſcribers, being willing and very deſirous of keeping our preſent Incumbent, the Reverend Mr *Henry Skyring*, in the Pariſh of *St. John*, and County of *King William;* and whereas we have this Day thought in Veſtry, that the Glebe, now appropriated for the Uſe of the Miniſter in the ſaid Pariſh, is inſufficient for the Support of him, and, at the ſame Time, were of Opinion that the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh could not, with Propriety, tax the People ſufficiently to purchaſe ſuch a Glebe as might or would be agreeable to the preſent Incumbent, we have fell on the following Method, *viz.* we, and each of us, do hereby agree, and do bind ourſelves, our Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, to pay the Sums reſpectively ſubſcribed to each of our Names, for and towards purchaſing ſuch a Piece of Land as ſhall be agreeable to the ſaid Mr *Skyring*, for the Uſe of the ſaid *Skyring*, and his Succeſſors, as Miniſters of the Pariſh aforeſaid, for and towards enabling the Veſtry to purchaſe a ſufficient Glebe for the ſaid Pariſh; and in Order to render the Collection of the ſame more certain, we, and each of us, do hereby authorize and empower the Veſtry of our ſaid

ſaid Parish to levy the Sums reſpectively ſubſcribed to our Names, on our Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements to be collected by ſuch Perſon as ſhall by the ſaid Veſtry be appointed to collect the Pariſh Levy next to be laid;" that there was ſubſcribed two hundred and forty-two Pounds in all, of which one hundred and ſeventy Pounds were ſubſcribed by different Members of the Veſtry.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, that, on the 8th Day of *December* following, other Articles of Subſcription were ſet on Foot, which are contained in theſe Words, to wit, "Whereas on the 25th Day of *Auguſt* laſt, the Veſtry of *Saint John's* Pariſh met at the Houſe of Mr *Richard Banks*, and being very deſirous of keeping the preſent Incumbent, Mr *Henry Skyring*, they then fell upon a Method of raiſing a Sum of Money by Subſcription to purchaſe Lands for the ſaid Incumbent, and Uſe of the Pariſh, but ſince which it is thought more expedient to lay out Part of the Money ſo ſubſcribed in purchaſing Negroes for the Uſe of Mr *Henry Skyring*, during his Continuance, as Rector in this Pariſh, and in Caſe of the Death or Reſignation of the ſaid Mr *Henry Skyring*, the ſaid Negroes ſhall be veſted in the Veſtry of the ſaid pariſh of *Saint John*, and the Profits and Increaſe ariſing from ſuch Negroes to be laid out either for the Support of the next Incumbent, or leſſening the Pariſh Levy, as the ſaid Veſtry ſhall think proper; we and each of us do hereby agree, and do bind ourſelves, our Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, to pay the Sums reſpectively ſubſcribed to each of our Names, firſt, for and towards purchaſing four Slaves, two of which to be Females, the Overplus to be applied in purchaſing or adding any Lands to the preſent Glebe that the Veſtry ſhall think proper. It is hereby declared by the ſaid Veſtry, that the Subſcribers to this ſhall be diſcharged from the Payment of the former Subſcription of the above Date, and in Order to render the Collection of the ſame more certain, we, and each of us, do hereby authorize and empower the Veſtry of our ſaid pariſh to levy the Sums, reſpectively ſubſcribed to our Names, on our Goods, and Chattels, Lands, and Tenements, to be collected by ſuch Perſon as ſhall by the ſaid Veſtry be appointed to collect the Pariſh Levy;" which laſt mentioned Articles were ſubſcribed by Mr *John Roane*, and ſeveral others, who had ſubſcribed the former Articles.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, that the Veſtry taking into Conſideration the Value of the Land which had been viewed, and which was eſtimated at 400 *l.* and finding the Repairs of their preſent Glebe would amount to 200 *l.* at leaſt, they judged it moſt for the Intereſt of the Pariſh to accept a Propoſal, made by their Miniſter, to allow him 50 *l. per Annum* in Lieu of the Glebe, and accordingly, at a Veſtry held the 22d of *April*, 1771, it was ordered, that the Churchwardens, for the Time being, ſhould prepare a Petition, to be ſigned by the Veſtry, to apply to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for Leave to ſell their preſent Glebe, it being adjudged in Veſtry that the ſame was inſufficient, and to allow the Veſtry to comply with a Bargain that Day made with their present Incumbent, the Reverend Mr *Henry Skyring*, which was to allow him 50 *l.* a Year, in Lieu of another Glebe to be bought, during his Reſidence in the ſaid Pariſh, and the Pariſh to receive five *Per Cent.* on the Amount of the Sale of the ſaid Glebe. 75

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Declarations of ſeveral of the Veſtry, that the Money propoſed to be raiſed by the Subſcription is ſtill left in the Hands of the Subſcribers, unappropriated, and is now intended to be laid out in Slaves, for the Uſe of the preſent Incumbent, provided he remains in the Pariſh, and the Contract before mentioned takes Place.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *John Roane*, that he, being at the Upper Church in the ſaid Pariſh, ſaw a Paper handed about, to raiſe a Sum of Money, by Subſcription, to purchaſe a Glebe, in Order to induce the Miniſter to continue in the Pariſh; that Mr *William Aylett* and he ſubſcribed 40 *s.* each, and on their way Home, the ſaid *Aylett* expreſſed ſome Diſſatiſfaction at the Smallneſs of the Sum, and that they agreed to make each of their Subſcriptions ten Pounds, but that he thinks his Deſign in ſubſcribing has not been carried into Execution, and that therefore he does not think himſelf obliged to pay any Part of the Money, as he has underſtood the Veſtry intends to lay out the Money in Slaves, inſtead of Land; that

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he ſigned the ſecond Subſcription, ſuppoſing it a Copy of the firſt, and therefore did not read it; that the ſaid *Aylett* and *Roane* live in *Saint David's* Pariſh.

It alſo *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of *Holt Richeſon*, that he thought the Deſign of the Subſcription was to purchaſe a Glebe, to induce Mr *Skyring* to continue in the Pariſh, and that otherwiſe the Subſcription was to be of no Effect, if a Sufficiency could not be procured for that Purpoſe.

Upon *inquiring* into the *fourth* and laſt Article of Charge, complaining that the ſaid Veſtry in the Years 1766, and 1767, made an Order to Rent out the Glebe, and allow the Miniſter 2000 lbs. of Tobacco, and Caſk, a Year, in Lieu thereof, that the Tobacco had been annually levied on the Petitioners, and the Glebe rented out in a very imprudent Manner, for the inconſiderable Sum of 5 *l. per Annum*, and this not regularly accounted for, it appears to your Committee, that at a Veſtry, held the 15th of *April*, 1766, it was "reſolved, that the Veſtry do levy for the Reverend Mr *Skyring* 2000 lbs. of Tobacco, and Caſk, yearly, in Lieu of the Glebe, during his Pleaſure;" and that at another Veſtry, held the 24th of *November*, in the ſame Year, it was "ordered, that the Churchwardens let the repairing of the Glebe, and rented it out for the Uſe of the Pariſh," and that, at another Veſtry, held the 1ſt Day of *December*, 1769, "Col. *Francis Weſt* acknowledged himſelf indebted to the Pariſh, for the Rent of the Glebe, two Years, ten Pounds."

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of Mr *Samuel Garlick*, a Member of the ſaid Veſtry, that he, amongſt the reſt of the Veſtry, conſented to let Col. *Francis Weſt* live as a Tenant on the Glebe, the firſt Year, for putting the Fences and keeping the Houſes in Order, and that he was to pay, for the ſecond Year, 10 *l.* Rent; that in his Opinion, it was a very advantageous Bargain for the Pariſh, as Col. *Weſt* informed him, he had got fourteen thouſand Rails, and made ſome little Repairs to the Glebe; that, in the Month of *February* laſt, after Notice had been given by public Advertiſements, the renting of the Glebe was ſet up at public Auction, that no Perſon offered more than 6 *l.* a Year, till he, for the Benefit of the Pariſh, bid for the ſaid Glebe, and raiſed the Rent to 10 *l.* 10 *s.* 6 *d.* at which Price it was let to one *Jaſon Iſbell*, who gave Bond and Security for the Payment of the ſame.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of Mr *Carter Braxton*, upon his being aſked why the Veſtry rented the Glebe to Col. *Weſt*, without ſetting it up, to the higheſt Bidder that he did not recollect whether he was in Veſtry at that Time, or not, but that the Veſtrymen told him it was let to Col. *Weſt*, becauſe he was to live on the Glebe, make ſome ſlight Repairs, and renew the Fences, and that they expected he would take more Care of it than any other Perſon, for which Reaſon he was to have it the firſt Year Rent free.

It further *appears*, from an Account ſtated in the Veſtry Book, that the Pariſh has had Credit for ten Pounds, the Rent due from Col. *Weſt*, though on that Account Mr *Claiborne*, the Collector, appears indebted to the Pariſh upwards of four Pounds, which the preſent Collector has taken upon himſelf. Several of the Veſtrymen declared before your Committee, that they thought it for the intereſt of the Pariſh to allow their Miniſter 2000 lbs. of Tobacco, rather than put the Pariſh to the Expence of repairing the Glebe, which they ſuppoſed would have coſt upwards of two hundred Pounds.

It further *appears* to your *Committee*, from the Teſtimony of Mr *Thomas Roſe*, that the Pariſh Levy this Year is 24 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Poll; that laſt Year it was ſettled at 40, as the Veſtry had in View the repairing of the Churches, but this not having been done, there remained a Quantity of Tobacco in Hand, which occaſioned a Reduction of the preſent Year's Levy, and that for ſeveral Years preceding the laſt, the Levy has not exceeded 30 and 30 odd Pounds of Tobacco *per* Poll.

Upon the whole *Matter*, your Committee came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the firſt Article of Charge, as alledges ſuch a Party Spirit to have ſubſiſted amongſt the Members of the preſent Veſtry, as is in the highest Degree prejudicial to the true Intereſt of the Pariſh, that it created Warmths, retarded Buſineſs, and hath, of late years, prevented

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Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid firſt Article, as ſuggeſts, that the Prevalence of a Party Spirit amongſt the Members of the ſaid Veſtry hath prevented the laying of the Pariſh Levy for the laſt Year, hath not been proved, and is not true.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Veſtry, with reſpect to any Thing laid to their Charge, either in the ſecond, or third Article, have not been Guilty of any Breach of their Duty.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Veſtry, with Reſpect to any Charge laid againſt them in the fourth, and laſt Article, have not been Guilty of any Breach of their Duty.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petitions, praying that a Law may be enacted to diſſolve the ſaid Veſtry, be rejected.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made thereunto, *viz.*

To add at the End thereof theſe Words, *viz.*

"*As to thoſe Members who refuſed to confirm the Reſolution of the Veſtry, by ſigning their Orders, and neglected to attend the ſaid Veſtry, to do the Pariſh Buſineſs, when duly ſummoned thereto, but not as to the other Members of the ſaid Veſtry.*"

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that ſo much of the firſt Article of Charge as alledges ſuch a Party Spirit to have ſubſiſted amongſt the Members of the preſent Veſtry, as is, in the higheſt Degree, prejudicial to the true Intereſt of the Pariſh; that it created Warmths, retarded Buſineſs, and hath of late Years prevented Meetings; that ſeveral of the Veſtry have declared they never would meet again in the Veſtry, and expreſſed a Willingneſs for a Diſſolution to take Place, hath been proved, and is true, as to thoſe Members who refuſed to confirm the Reſolution of the Veſtry, by ſigning their Orders, and neglected to attend the ſaid Veſtry, to do the Pariſh Buſineſs, when duly ſummoned thereto, but not as to the other Members of the ſaid Veſtry.

The *ſecond*, *third*, and *fourth* Reſolutions of the Committee, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time;

And the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petitions, praying that a Law may be enacted to diſſolve the ſaid Veſtry, are reaſonable.

Ordered, That M^r *Aylett* and M^r *Dandridge* be added to the Gentleman, who is appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the Petition of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover* and *Louiſa*, for an Act to diſſolve the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill, that they do make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*.

M^r *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the Pariſhes of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Amelia*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, praying that a Public Warehouſe, for the Reception of Wheat, may be eſtabliſhed, under proper Regulations, at *Gateſfield*, on *James* River; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Cheſterfield*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, praying that Public Warehouſes, for the Reception of Wheat, may be eſtabliſhed, under proper Regulations, at ſome convenient Place or Places, Upon *James* River; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, praying that a Public Warehouſe, for the Reception of Wheat, may be eſtabliſhed, under proper Regulations, at *Rocky Ridge*, or *Cheſter*, on *James* River,

Were ſeverally *preſented* to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of the Magiſtrates, and ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Surry*, and of ſeveral Perſons of the Town of *Cobham*, and others, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid petition,and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid petition, as prays that the Titles to the Lots, purchaſed of former Truſtees for the ſaid Town of *Cobham*, may be confirmed, and new Truſtees for the ſaid Town appointed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſuch other Part of the ſaid Petition, as prays that Swine may be prohibited from going at large in the ſaid Town, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid petition, praying that the Ferry from *Crouche's* Creek to *Jameſtown* may be diſcontinued, and a Ferry from *Gray's* Creek to *Jameſtown* be eſtabliſhed, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for repealing ſo much of the Act made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, over the *Fluvanna*, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the third Reſolution.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Botetourt*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Diſtance which the Petitioners go to Market, with their Commodities, the chief of which is Hemp, would be leſſened ſixty Miles, by a Road over the South Mountain, the Coſt of making which, it is apprehended, would not exceed three hundred Pounds; and therefore praying that ſuch Road may be opened at the Expence of the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Elizabeth City*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Pond of a Water Griſt Mill in the ſaid County, belonging to the infant Heir of *Booth Armiſtead*, deceaſed, is not only injurious to the Health of thoſe who live in the neighbourhood

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 44.

bourhood thereof, but renders large Quantities of fruitful Land, which might eaſily be drained, unprofitable, and hinders the carrying of a great deal of valuable Timber to Market, that the ſaid Mill does not grind more than half the Year, and is of little Advantage to the Cuſtomers; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to diſcontinue the ſaid Mill, or that the Petitioners may have ſuch other Redreſs as ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 11th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Marſhall* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair*:

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing the Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act[3] to empower the Clerks of County Courts to iſſue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to continue an Act, intituled an Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] for veſting in Truſtees certain Lands, whereof *William Booth* and *Elizabeth* his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the Money, ariſing from the Sale, in purchaſing other Lands, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying a Sum of Money, and an Annuity to* John Robinſon.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Blandford* Warehouſes, in the County of *Prince George*, had been referred, and to whom the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon was recommitted, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that there are two Warehouſes at the Inſpection at *Blandford*, one of which is open on one Side, and the other on both; that the ſaid Houſes are incloſed in a Yard by a Wall about ſeven Feet high, made with Poſts ſet in the Ground, and Inch Planks laid cloſe together, and nailed thereon with twenty Penny Nails; that the back Side of one, and the Ends of both the ſaid Houſes, ſerve as Part of the Incloſure, and are ſtrong and ſecure; and that the Gates to the ſaid Wall are ſupplied with ſtrong Locks and Chains.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition of the Inſpectors at *Blandford* be rejected.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 361. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 514. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 516. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 542.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 640

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which were reported to the Houſe upon *Friday*, the 28th Day of laſt Month, and which were agreed to by the Houſe, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes to empower *George Waſhington*, Eſquire, to erect and Keep a Gate or Gates, on his Land, acroſs the Road leading to *Poſey's* Ferry, on *Potowmack* River; and alſo to empower *Joſeph Cabell*, Eſquire, to erect and keep a Gate or Gates, on his Land, acroſs the Road leading to his Ferry on *James* River; and alſo to empower *Burwell Baſſet*, Eſquire, to erect and keep a Gate or Gates, on his Land, acroſs the Road, leading to the Brick Houſe Ferry, on *York* River.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Nathaniel Raines* and *Lewis Brown*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Boyd's* Warehouſes, in the County of *Prince George*, had been referred, and to whom one of the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon was recommitted, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that there are two Warehouſes at the Inſpection at *Boyd's*, which by a Wall made with Poſts ſet in the Ground, and inch Planks laid cloſe together, and nailed thereon with twenty Penny Nails, and running from the Ends of one of the ſaid Houſes to the Ends of the other, incloſe a Yard; that the Outſides and Ends of the ſaid Houſes ſerve as part of the ſaid Enclоſure, and are ſtrong and ſecure, but that the Inſides fronting the Yard are open, and that the Gates to the ſaid Wall are ſupplied with ſtrong Locks and Chains.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that that Part of the ſaid Petition of the Inſpectors at *Boyd's* Warehouſes, which relates to the ſtolen Tobacco, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Botetourt*, inhabiting the Place called the *Cow Paſture*, and on *Craig's* Creek and *James* River, praying that a Road may be made over the South Mountain, at the Expence of the Public, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commiſſioners be appointed to examine the Place propoſed for the ſaid Road, and that they report the Conveniences and Inconveniences thereof to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the laſt Reſolution; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Claim* of *Benjamin Powell* for repairing the Magazine; *and alſo*,

A *Claim* of *Joſeph Kidd* for repairing the Magazine,

Were ſeverally *preſented* to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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Mr *Gray* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable the *Nottoway Indians* to leaſe certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Garth* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a few Days before the Flood, which happened in *May* of the laſt Year, the Inſpectors at *Shockoe* having opened a Hogſhead of the Petitioner's Tobacco, and finding it in too high Caſe at that Time, had it laid by for further Inſpection; that in the mean Time the Flood came and damaged the Tobacco; and that the Commiſſioners appointed by the Act of General Aſſembly, made for the Relief of thoſe who ſuffered by that Calamity, allowed the petitioner for his ſaid Hogſhead of Tobacco no more than four Pounds three Shillings and four Pence, the Sum at which by the ſaid Act a refuſed Hogſhead of Tobacco was eſtimated; whereas the petitioner conceives his ſaid Hogſhead of Tobacco ought to have been conſidered, not as a refuſed, but as an uninſpected Hogſhead, for which he was intitled by the ſaid Act to receive nine Pounds; and therefore praying that he may be allowed the further Sum of four Pounds ſixteen Shillings and eight Pence.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the petition be rejected.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Amelia*, *Cheſterfield*, and *Cumberland*, praying that public Warehouſes may be eſtabliſhed for the Reception of Wheat, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, as prays that the Lots, numbered 7 and 8 in the Plan of the Town of *Colcheſter*, may be added to the Lot, numbered 29, whereon to eſtabliſh Warehouſes for the Reception of Tobacco, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſuch other Part of the ſaid Petition, as prays that the Inſpectors Salaries at the ſaid Town of *Colcheſter* may be encreaſed, is reaſonable, and that they ought to be allowed, each, the Sum of 45 *l. per Annum*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that the ſaid Inſpectors at *Colcheſter* may be allowed a Compenſation for their laſt Year's extraordinary Trouble and Services, is reaſonable, and that they ought to be allowed, each, the Sum of 10 *l.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Joſeph Turner*, one of the Inſpectors at the College and Capitol Landings, praying that his Salary may be encreaſed to 35 *l. per Annum* as formerly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Thomas Coleman*, and *Thomas Butler*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Aylett's* and *Todd's* Warehouſes, in the Counties of *King William* and *King & Queen*, praying an Encreaſe of their Salaries, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Elizabeth City*, praying that an Act may paſs to diſcontinue a Water Mill, in the ſaid County, belonging to the infant Heir of *Booth Armiſtead*, deceaſed, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for further continuing an Act made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they do make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill, purſuant to the ſecond and third Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Public Claims, purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Robert Goodwin* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a ſhort Time before the Inſpection at *Falmouth* was diſcontinued, the Petitioner had repaired, at very conſiderable Expence, the Warehouſes, of which he is Proprietor, and which are now become uſeleſs to him; and therefore humbly praying the Conſideration of the Houſe whether he ought not to be allowed a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of Freeholders, Houſekeepers, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, ſetting forth, that there is but one Pariſh in the ſaid County, called *Ruffell*, which is near ninety Miles in length, and that there is a ſufficient Number of Tithables in the ſame to bear the Expences of two Pariſhes; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided by a ſtraight Line, from the Mouth of *Goofe* Creek, on *Staunton* River, to the upper End of *Fleming's* Mountain, on *James* River; *and alſo*,

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Ruffell*, in the County of *Bedford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe for dividing the ſaid Pariſh, and ſetting forth, that the ſaid Diviſion will be inconvenient, and that the Number of Tithables in the ſaid Pariſh is little more than two thouſand, of whom many are inſolvent, and that five Churches have lately been built in it, which, if it be divided, will be rendered Uſeleſs; and ſubmitting it to the Conſideration of the Houſe, whether the ſaid Pariſh ought to be divided.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Garrard* and *Thomas Mountjoy*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Cave's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Stafford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Quantity of Tobacco brought to the ſaid Inſpection is conſiderably greater than it was formerly; and therefore praying that their Salaries may be encreaſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Laurence Aſhton*, of the County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1771, *Aaron*, a Negro Man Slave of the Petitioner, who had run away and concealed himſelf in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and againſt whom, in Order to reclaim him, the Petitioner had cauſed a Proclamation of Outlawry to be duly publiſhed, being purſued, and refuſing to ſurrender himſelf, was ſhot at, and ſlain; and therefore praying that the Petitioner may be paid for his ſaid Slave by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Aylett*, Proprietor of the Public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Aylett's*, in the County of *King William*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that hitherto the Petitioner hath kept the ſaid Warehouſes in Repair, at very great Expence, but that the Court of the ſaid County hath lately ordered the ſaid Warehouſes to be repaired, in ſuch a Manner that the Petitioner cannot afford to do it for the Rent by Law allowed, and that the Petitioner is willing to deliver up the ſaid Warehouſes to the Public, upon being paid the Value of them; and therefore praying, that proper Perſons may be appointed to aſcertain the ſaid Value, to be paid to the Petitioner, or that he may be otherwiſe relieved, as this Honourable Houſe ſhall think juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

A *Petition* of *John Meredith* and *John Timberlake*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at the Brick Houſe Warehouſe, in the County of *New-Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that by the Diſcontinuance of the Inſpection at *Hog Neck* the Trouble of the Inſpectors at the Brick Houſe being much increaſed, their Wages were raiſed from twenty-five to thirty Pounds *per Annum*, but in the Year 1769, were again reduced to twenty-five Pounds, which the Petitioners humbly conceive is not an adequate Satiſfaction for their conſtant Attendance and great Trouble; and therefore praying that their Salaries may be ſettled at thirty Pounds *per Annum*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* for building a Bridge over the Weſtern Branch of *Nanſemond* River, by Subſcription, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for building a Bridge over the Weſtern Branch of* Nanſemond *River, by Subſcription.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

M[r] *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *John Reynolds* and *William Edmondſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Hobb's Hole* Warehouſes, in the County of *Eſſex*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, by a Certificate of the Teſtimony of the ſaid *John Reynolds*, and *William Edmondſon*, that on the Night of the 25[th] or 26[th] of *January* laſt, ſome Perſon or Perſons (by drawing the Staples which confined the Bolt) broke open one of the Doors of the ſaid Warehouſe; that the Snow, which fell at that Time, prevented the ſaid Inſpectors, for ſeveral Days, from attending their Buſineſs, but as ſoon as the Weather permitted, they went to the ſaid Warehouſe, and diſcovered that a Hogſhead of Tobacco, weighing Nett 1101 Pounds, was ſtolen, which ſaid Tobacco they ſuſpected was taken, and carried on Board a Ship, that ſailed from *Tappahannock* on the 3[rd] of *February* laſt, for that ſome Time after, on a Marſh below the Town, an empty Hogſhead was found, on which were the Mark, Number, and Weight of the ſaid Tobacco, together with the Stamp of the ſaid Warehouſe. It further appears to your Committee, by other

[1] Hening, V, p. 326. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 552.

other Teſtimony, that the ſaid Inſpectors are very careful Perſons; and that at the Time the ſaid Tobacco was loſt, the ſaid Warehouſe was in good repair.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable, and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed at the Rate of twenty Shillings *per* Hundred, for the Hogſhead of Tobacco in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed that Mr *John Madiſon*, Clerk of the Court of the County of *Auguſta*, Mr *Thomas Ruffin*, Clerk of the Court of the County of *Dinwiddie*, Mr *Robert Munford*, Clerk of the Court of the County of *Halifax*, and Mr *Fortunatus Sydnor*, Deputy Clerk of the Court of the County of *Henrico*, had not, purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, ſent Copies of the Liſts of Tithables in their reſpective Counties, to the Clerk of this Houſe, before or ſince the Meeting of this General Aſſembly;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe, do ſend to the ſaid Clerks for ſuch Liſts; and that the Expences thereof be levied upon the ſaid Clerks reſpectively.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *John Thornley* and *William Harriſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Gibſon's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King George*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, by the Depoſitions of ſundry Perſons, that at the Time the Tobacco in the ſaid Petition mentioned was loſt, the ſaid Warehouſes were in good Repair; that the ſaid Inſpectors, as was their conſtant Cuſtom, ſaw that the Doors of the ſaid Warehouſes were all well ſecured, when they left them, but on their Return, the next Morning, found the Lock broke, and one of the Doors forced off the Hinges; that upon Examination, they diſcovered that two Hogſheads of Crop, weighing Nett 2000 Pounds, and 319 Pounds of Tranſfer Tobacco, were ſtolen; and that they immediately ſearched for the ſame, but their Endeavors proved ineffectual.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed for the 2000 Pounds of Crop Tobacco, at the Rate of twenty Shillings *per* Hundred, and for the 319 Pounds of Tranſfer, at Two pence *per* Pound.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to empower the Corporation of the Borough of *Norfolk* to aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof, for the Purpoſe therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to empower the Corporation of the Borough of* Norfolk *to aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof, for the Purpoſe therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *Glouceſter*, be added to the Committee for Religion, the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 611.

Thurſday, the 12th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

THE *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Bland* accordingly reported from the ſaid Committee, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were read once throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 13th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers;* alſo to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Memorial* of *Andrew Eſtave* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in Purſuance of the Act of General Aſſembly, made in the tenth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[4] *for encouraging the making Wine*, the petitioner hath been for ſome Time cultivating a Vineyard, which he hath diligently attended to, but that he cannot, without endangering its Succeſs, employ the Labourers therein, ſo as to make Crops of Corn, and other Things neceſſary for his and their Subſiſtence; that he hath been obliged, with the Conſent of the Truſtees, to ſell one of the Servants, who was unprofitable, upon twelve Months Credit; that his Vines are now in a thriving State, and that he is convinced of the Practicability of the Scheme, and is willing to provide for the Proſecution of it in Caſe of his Death; and that he is ready and deſirous to inſtruct any Apprentices that the ſaid Truſtees may put under him; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, and that they will be pleaſed to grant him ſuch Aſſiſtance and Relief as to them ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Trade, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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[1] Hening, V, p. 326. [2] Ibid, VIII, p, 318. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 530. (Original Acts, IV, p. 317; VII, p. 338.) [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 364.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William, *and* Hanover *Counties, the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of the Inſpectors at *Cave's* Warehouſes, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that their Salaries may be increaſed, is reaſonable, and that they ought to be allowed the additional Sum of five Pounds *per Annum* each.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the Brick Houſe Landing, upon the River *Potowmack*, may be eſtabliſhed as a public Landing, and that a Road may be opened, from the ſaid Landing, to the main Road of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table until the ſecond reading of the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Lands adjoining the Court-Houſe of *Botetourt* County; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Hancock* is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, Mr *Bell*, and Mr *Waſhington*.

A *Petition* of the Truſtees of the Town of *Alexandria*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that certain Lots in the ſaid Town, being low Marſhy Ground, the Proprietors whereof refuſe or neglect to drain and improve the ſame, are injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Proprietors may be obliged to drain the ſaid Lots, within a limited Time, at their own Expence.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions or Claims after the twenty-third Day of this Month.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Bill for better regulating the Election of Veſtries was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 407. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 232.

An engroſſed *Bill* to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing Line between the Counties of *Stafford* and *King George*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing Line between the Counties* of Stafford *and* King George.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *David Vaughan* and *William Dews*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Glouceſter* Town Warehouſes, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that in the Month of *September*, 1770, the ſaid Warehouſes were broke open twice, and 2989 Pounds of Crop, and 1000 Pounds of Tranſfer Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſame, for which the Petitioners have paid at the Rates of twenty-two Shillings and ſix Pence *per* hundred for the Crop Tobacco, and twenty Shillings per hundred for the Tranſfer; and that the ſaid Warehouſes, each Time, on the Evening before the Tobacco was loſt, were well ſecured with good Locks and Bolts, and that they were then in good Repair.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed, for the Crop Tobacco, at the Rate of twenty-two Shillings and ſix Pence *per* hundred, and for the Tranſfer, at twenty Shillings *per* hundred, amounting in the whole to the Sum of forty-three Pounds twelve Shillings and ſix Pence.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Truſtees of the Town of *Alexandria*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Wharf at *Point Weſt* in the ſaid Town, originally built by the Public, and afterwards rebuilt and enlarged by the Petitioners, at the Expence of one hundred Pounds, is now in a ruinous Condition, occaſioned chiefly by Ships heaving down by, and mooring at the ſaid Wharf; and praying that the ſaid Wharf may be veſted in the Petitioners, and that ſuch a Tax may be impoſed upon Veſſels heaving down by, and mooring at it, except thoſe which take Tobacco from the public Warehouſes in the ſaid Town, as will enable the petitioners to repair and extend the ſaid Wharf.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carr* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover* and *Louiſa*, and of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Merchants and Traders in the Town of *Alexandria* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the heavy Duty impoſed upon the Importers of Rum is injurious to the Trade of the ſaid Town, and hath a manifeſt Tendency to give great Advantage to their Neighbours of *Maryland*, who are not ſubject to any ſuch Duty; and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts, made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, is committed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *concerning*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 601. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 335. [3] Ibid, VI. p. 24.

concerning Seamen; and that Mr *Hutchings* and Mr *Baniſter* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful hunting; and that Mr *Cary* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that an Inſpection of Tobacco in the ſaid County would be convenient and beneficial to the Petitioners, who are willing to ſuſtain the Expence thereof; and praying that ſuch an Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed at the Town of *New London*, in the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for clearing* Mattapony *River;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Aylett* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Sevennight.

An engroſſed *Bill* for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for adding Part of the County of* Nanſemond *to the County of* Iſle of Wight.

Ordered, That Mr *Hardy* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, for altering the Court Day of *Surry* County, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for altering the Court Days of the Counties of* Surry *and* Princeſs Anne.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels, in certain Counties therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Lewis*, and Mr *Wright*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to compel Ships, importing Convicts, Servants, and Slaves, infected with the Gaol Fever or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Treaſurer*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* for dividing the Pariſhes of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to enable the *Nottoway Indians* to leaſe certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Baker*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bridger*, and Mr *Hardy*.

A *Bill* to explain and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[5] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Marſhall*, and Mr *John Jones*.

An engroſſed *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *for the better regulating*

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 394. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 602. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 519. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 389.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 361. [6] Ibid, V, p. 326.

regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 14th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL other *Members*, returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe. 91

Ordered, That Mr *Baker* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties, therein mentioned*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Richard Sanford* and *John Rhodes*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Hunting* Creek Warehouſes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Quantity of Tobacco brought to the ſaid Warehouſes, ſince the late Reduction of the Petitioners Salaries, is conſiderably greater than it had been for ſeveral Years before; and therefore praying that their Salaries may be increaſed ſo as to be adequate to their Trouble, and that they may be allowed a reaſonable Compenſation for the Loſs they have ſuſtained by the ſaid Reduction.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to compel Ships, importing Convicts, Servants, or Slaves, infected with the Gaol Fever, or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Robert Goodwin*, to be allowed for repairing the Warehouſes in *Falmouth*, the Inſpection at which was diſcontinued laſt General Aſſembly, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making further proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 515. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 389.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Laurence Aſhton* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that *Aaron*, a Negro Man Slave, was a Runaway, and duly outlawed; that during the Time he was out he killed ſeveral Hogs, and did other Miſchief; that he refuſed to ſurrender himſelf, when diſcovered, and, with a Knife, wounded a Negro, who attempted to take him, in ſeveral Places; that he was immediately ſhot at and wounded by a certain *Elliot Monroe*, the Perſon who apprehended him, of which Wound he died; and that the ſaid *Aaron* was a very likely Slave, and worth at leaſt eighty Pounds.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable; and that the petitioner ought to be allowed the ſaid Sum of eighty Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for keeping in Repair ſeveral Roads and Bridges, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Caroline*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioners, being of the Society of Chriſtians, called Baptiſts, are not indulged with the free Exerciſe of their Religion; that they are deprived of the Benefits of the Toleration Act, although they are willing to conform to the Spirit of it, and are loyal and quiet Subjects; and that their Teachers are perſecuted, whilſt Liberty of Conſcience is permitted to diſſenting Proteſtants of other Perſuaſions; and therefore praying that the petitioners may meet with the ſame kind Indulgence in Religious Matters as the Quakers, Preſbyterians, and other diſſenting Proteſtants do enjoy.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Frederick* into three diſtinct Counties, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Upper Part of the Pariſh of *Dryſdale*, in the County of *Caroline*, ſetting forth, that the petitioners reſide at a great Diſtance from their Pariſh Church, and cannot be relieved either by a Diviſion of the Pariſh, which, although it be long, is ſo narrow that the Tithables thereof are not numerous enough for two Parishes, or by building a third Church, whereby Divine Service at each would be leſs frequently performed; and further ſetting forth, that a new Pariſh may be conveniently formed out of *Dryſdale* and the adjoining Pariſh of *Saint Margaret*, by an Union of the upper Ends thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe; *and alſo*,

Several *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint Margaret*, in the County of *Caroline*, taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe for adding Part of the ſaid Pariſh to the upper End of the Pariſh of *Dryſdale*, in Order to form another Pariſh; and, ſetting forth, that the Figure of *Saint Margaret's* Pariſh is nearly ſquare, and the Churches built therein, at very conſiderable Expence, are ſo diſpoſed

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as to be convenient to all the parifhioners; and that, by the Model propofed, the Parochial Aſſeſſments upon the petitioners will be encreaſed, as they conceive, unjuſtly; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Margaret* may remain as it is,

Were ſeverally *preſented* to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to prevent malicious maiming and wounding*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do levy, in the Book of Public Claims, the Tobacco to be paid to the Witneſſes, who attended the Committee of Privileges and Elections, upon the hearing of the petition of ſeveral Freeholders of the County of *Henrico*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Richard Adams* and Mr *Richard Randolph* to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County, at the Rate by Law allowed to Witneſſes travelling to and attending at the General Court.

Ordered, That Mr *Adams* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, the Committee of Public Claims, and the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land*; and that Mr *John Page*, Mr *Marſhall* and Mr *Bland* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover* and *Louiſa*, and of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers; alſo* to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Bill* for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Lands adjoining the Court-Houſe of *Botetourt* County, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[5] *for clearing* Mattapony *River*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Aylett*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Brooke*, and Mr *Corbin*.

Mr *Hutchings* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *concerning Seamen;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

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1 Hening, VI, p. 250. 2 Ibid, VI, p. 33. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 530. 4 Ibid, VII, p. 338.
5 Ibid, VI, p. 394. 6 Ibid, VI, p. 24.

An engroſſed *Bill* for continuing the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William *and* Hanover *Counties the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for continuing the Act, intituled an Act for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William *and* Hanover *Counties the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Holt* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* Sevennight.

And the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, eleven of the Clock.

Monday. the 16th of March. 12 George III. 1772.

ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies;* and that Mr *Hutchings* and Mr *Gray* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral perſons of the Counties of *Henrico* and *Hanover*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the preſent Ferry over *James* River from the Hemp Landing to *Shockoe*, is become very inconvenient, the Water at one of the Landings being made too shoal by the late great Freſh; and therefore praying, that a public Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from *Rocket's*, on the Land of *Charles Lewis*, over the ſaid River, to the Land of the Honourable *William Byrd*, Eſquire, where there are good Landings.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* for better regulating the Election of Veſtries, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for better regulating the Election of Veſtries.*

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[7] *for continuing and amending the Act, intituled an Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[8] *to prevent malicious maiming and wounding*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[9] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding.*

Ordered, That Mr *Gray* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 407. 2 Ibid, VIII, p, 623. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 318. 4 Ibid, VII, p. 397.
5 Not recorded as a law. 6 Hening, VIII, p. 389. 7 Ibid, VIII, p. 596. 8 Ibid, VI, p. 250.
9 Ibid, VIII, p. 520.

An engroſſed *Bill* for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Lands adjoining the Court-Houſe of *Botetourt* County, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Fincaſtle, *in the County of* Botetourt.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *concerning Seamen*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Hutchings*.

A *Bill* to compel Ships importing Convicts, Servants, or Slaves, infected with the Gaol-Fever, or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* for making farther Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and Perſons of unſound Minds, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Bill* for keeping in Repair ſeveral Roads and Bridges, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances

The *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*; alſo to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 17th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Hutchings* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *concerning Seamen*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee having, according to the Order of the Houſe, inſpected the Report of the Committee of Claims laſt

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 616. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 24. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 530. (Original Acts, IV, p. 317; VII, p. 338.) [4] Ibid, VI. p. 24.

laſt Seſſion, and alſo read, conſidered, and regulated the Claims preſented to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, had entered ſuch of the ſaid Claims as were allowed in a Book; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Book in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Book of Public Claims do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Truſtees to regulate the making of Slopes for the Paſſage of Fiſh in the Mill Dams within the County of *Bedford*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition of* ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Nanſemond*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners reſiding in that Part of the ſaid County, which is on the South Side of the River *Nottoway*, are about thirty Miles diſtant from the Court-Houſe of their County, but not more than thirteen Miles from the Court of the County of *Southampton;* and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for adding the aforeſaid Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the ſaid County of *Southampton*.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Bill for extending the Benefit of the ſeveral Acts of Toleration to his Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects in this Colony, diſſenting from the Church of *England*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Bill, when engroſſed, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third Time upon the firſt Day of *July* next.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, praying that an Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed at *New-London*, in the ſaid County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *John Meredith* and *John Timberlake*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at the Brick Houſe, in *New-Kent* County, praying that their Salaries may be raiſed to thirty Pounds *per Annum*, each, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Rhodes* and *Richard Sandford*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Hunting* Creek, praying that their Salaries may be increaſed; and an Allowance made them for their extraordinary Trouble the two laſt Years, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed five Pounds, each, additional Salary, *per Annum*, and ten Pounds, each, for their extraordinary Trouble the two laſt Years.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 313.

Clauſes, for increaſing the Salaries of the Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Cave's* Warehouſes, in the County of *Stafford*, five Pounds *per Annum* each; and alſo for increaſing the Salaries of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at the *Brick* Houſe, in the County of *New Kent*, to thirty Pounds *per Annum* each; and alſo for increaſing the Salaries of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Hunting* Creek, five Pounds *per Annum* each.

Ordered, that the Allowance of ten Pounds to *John Rhodes* and *Richard Sandford*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Hunting* Creek, each, for their extraordinary Trouble the two laſt Years, be entered in the Book of Public Claims by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M^r *Blair:*

M^r *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for building a Bridge over the *Weſtern Branch* of *Nanſemond* River by Subſcription, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for continuing the Act, intituled an Act for reimburſing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover Counties* the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight, without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to empower the Corporation of the Borough of *Norfolk* to aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendments; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing Line between the Counties of *Stafford* and *King George*, with *an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] for altering the Court Days of the Counties of *Surry* and *Princeſs Anne, with ſome Amendments to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Treaſurer's *Accounts.*

And he preſented the ſaid *Accounts* at the Bar.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That M^r *Bland* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to his Excellency the Governor, and deſire his Aſſent thereunto.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, be now read.

And the ſaid *Order* being read accordingly;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

M^r *Speaker* left the Chair.

M^r *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

M^r *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That M^r *White*, M^r *Macdowell*, and M^r *Simpſon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion.

M^r *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſq; is ſeiſed; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 552. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 623. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 602. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 611.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 601. 6 Ibid, VIII, p. 519.

Wednesday, the 18th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths Appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſquire, is ſeiſed, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Wood*, Mr *Rutherford*, Mr *Marſhall*, Mr *Scott*, and Mr *Francis Peyton*.

A *Meſſage* from the *Governor* by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

I am Commanded by the Governor to deliver to this Houſe a Letter received by his Excellency from the Earl of Hillſborough; *upon the Subject of a Copper Coinage.*

And he *preſented* the ſaid Letter at the Bar.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

And the ſaid *Letter* was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the ſaid Letter.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for erecting a Light-houſe on *Cape Henry;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Petition of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Pettus* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lunenburg*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Merits of the ſaid Election, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that *Francis Degraffenreidt*, who voted for Mr *Pettus* at the ſaid Election, was put into Poſſeſſion by his Father of about four hundred Acres of Land, above a Year before the Election, who made him a Deed for the ſame in *October*, 1771; that the greateſt Part of the Land lies, as he believes, in *Charlotte* County, but does not know how much; that he never voted in *Charlotte* under the ſame Freehold, nor hath paid any Quitrents, but believes his Father hath always paid the ſame in *Lunenburg* County.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Francis Degraffenreidt* had a Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

It appears to your *Committee*, that *Charles Pariſh*, who alſo voted for Mr *Pettus* at the ſaid Election, was poſſeſſed of an undivided fourth Part of ſix hundred and fifteen Acres, which he holds under his father's Will; that by the ſaid Will he was to have Poſſeſſion at his Age of twenty-one Years, which Poſſeſſion he obtained ſince the fifth Day of *November*, 1770; and ſays he believes he is of Age, but would not ſwear it.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Charles Pariſh* had a Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

It further appears to your *Committee*, that *Zachariah Davis*, who likewiſe voted for Mr *Pettus*, the ſitting Member, held ſeventy odd Acres of unimproved Land, deviſed to him by the Will of one *John Blackſton*, who died above two Years ago; that the ſame fell into his Poſſeſſion immediately on the Death of the ſaid *Blackſton*, and that he hath enjoyed it ever ſince; that the ſaid Will was proved in the Year 1771, before the Election; that he has never conveyed away the ſaid Land, and that he improved it in *January*, 1771, and has paid one Year's Quitrents for the ſame.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Zachariah Davis* had no Right to vote for Burgeiſes at the ſaid Election.

It appears to your *Committee*, that twenty-five other Perſons, who voted for Mr *Pettus* at the ſaid Election, had no Right to give ſuch Votes; and their particular Caſes were not deſired by either Party to be ſpecially reported.

It appears to your *Committee*, that *David Garland*, the Sheriff of the County, who held the Election, and made the Return, was entered upon the Poll as a Voter for Mr *Pettus*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Vote of the ſaid *David Garland*, ought not to ſtand upon the ſaid Poll.

It appears to your *Committee*, that fifteen Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election for the petitioner had no Right to vote; and their Caſes were not deſired to be reported.

The *Committee* then proceeded to conſider how the Poll would ſtand upon the Reſolutions aforeſaid.

Upon caſting up the ſaid Poll it appeared there were

For Mr *Pettus*	192
From which deduct the Voters diſqualified as aforeſaid	27
Remains	165
For Mr *Blagrave*	179
From which deduct the bad Votes	15
	164
And add the Votes of *Nathaniel Lafoon*, and *Hugh Wallace*, who appear to have voted for the Petitioner, but their Names not entered upon the Poll	2
	166
The *Petitioner* appears to have a Majority of	1

Reſolved, Therefore, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr *Thomas Pettus* is not duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lunenburg*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr *Henry Blagrave* is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk do amend the Return for the County of *Lunenburg*, by raſing out the Name of *Thomas Pettus*, and inſerting the Name of *Henry Blagrave*, inſtead thereof. And he amended the Return accordingly.

Mr *Henry Lee* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Hancock* is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to view a Place propoſed for a Road through the *South* Mountain; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of *Frederick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Navigation of the River *Potowmack* from Tide-Water to Fort *Cumberland*, if properly improved, would be productive of great Advantage, not only to thoſe who are ſettled upon the adjacent Lands, but to the whole Colony, by introducing a moſt extenſive Trade; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs for opening the Navigation

tion of the ſaid River, at the Expence of the Public, to be reimburſed by reaſonable Tolls upon the Commodities which ſhall be carried in the ſaid River; or for granting the like Tolls to ſuch Adventurers as ſhall be willing to undertake the Work, at their own Expence; or for impowering Truſtees to receive and lay out the Money, which Subſcribers may voluntarily contribute, for that Purpoſe.

100 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Petition* of *Richard Hewitt* and *Elias Hore*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Aquia* Warehouſes, in the County of *Stafford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, by Means of heavy Rains in the laſt Summer, a large Quantity of Tobacco in the ſaid Warehouſes was damaged, which it was not in the Power of the Petitioners to prevent; and further ſetting forth, that the petitioners receive only forty Pounds *per Annum*, for their Salary, which is not equal to what is paid to other Inſpectors, whoſe Trouble is leſs; and therefore praying, that they may be allowed for the ſaid damaged Tobacco, and have ſuch Salary as the Houſe ſhall think juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bolling*, Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, and Mr *Gray*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the petition of the Truſtees of the Town of *Alexandria*, praying that the Wharf at *Point Weſt*, in the ſaid Town, may be veſted in the Petitioners, and that ſuch a Tax may be impoſed upon Veſſels heaving down by, and mooring at it, except thoſe which bring Tobacco to or take it from the public Warehouſes in the ſaid Town, as will enable the Petitioners to repair and extend the ſaid Wharf, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Water in the Creek, at *Cave's* Inſpection, is ſo ſhallow, that a Boat, with four Hogſheads of Tobacco, cannot eaſily go down it, and it is daily growing worſe; and that the Expences of the ſaid Inſpection conſiderably exceeds the Money it brings into the Treaſury; and that the building of a Warehouſe, by

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 335.

by Virtue of an Order of the County Court of *Stafford*, at the ſaid Inſpection, was lately undertaken by *Thomas Mountjoy*, one of the Inſpectors there, in a private, unfair, and illegal Manner, and for a much larger Sum than the Work is really worth; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Inſpection may be diſcontinued; and that the Houſe will take the whole Matter into their Conſideration, and do therein what ſhall ſeem beſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 19th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for continuing and amending the Act, intituled An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels, in certain Counties therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment, the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to amend an Act, intituled An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act*[4] *for further continuing and amending the Act*, intituled *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 15, Leave out '*ten Shillings*,' and inſert '*thirteen Shillings and four Pence*,' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and to deſire that they will paſs the ſame without the Amendment; and that Mr *Patrick Henry* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

A *Petition* of Mr *Thomas Pettus* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that at the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, Mr *Richard Claiborne*, and Mr *Henry Blagrave*, with the Petitioner, were Candidates, when the ſaid Mr *Claiborne*, and the petitioner, were returned duly elected, ſince which this Honourable Houſe hath determined that the Petitioner was not duly elected, and that the ſaid Mr *Blagrave* was duly elected; and further ſetting forth, that the Election of the ſaid Mr *Blagrave* was illegal, he having appointed ſeveral Perſons to treat in his Favour, as well after the Publication of the Writ, as on the Day of Election; and the Perſons ſo appointed having actually treated many Freeholders accordingly with Liquor in the Morning of the Day of Election, and before the Poll began; and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe in the Premiſſes.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 596. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 515. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 520. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 515.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dryſdale*, in the County of *Caroline*, praying that a new Pariſh may be formed out of the ſaid Pariſh of *Dryſdale*, and the adjoining Pariſh of *Saint Margaret*, by an Union of the upper Ends thereof, *and alſo*, the ſeveral Petitions of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Margaret*, in Oppoſition thereto, were referred, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſquire, is ſeiſed, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Tabb* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Memorial* of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Leeds*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the ſaid Counties, to this Houſe, for another Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſhes, in Conſequence of a pretended Agreement previous to the former Diviſion, that the ſaid Pariſh of *Hamilton* ſhould have a Majority of one hundred Tithables left in it, and denying ſuch Agreement ever to have been made by any Perſons who had Power to contract for the Inhabitants of *Leeds;* and ſetting forth, that there is now a greater Number of Tithables in the ſaid Pariſh of *Hamilton*, than in the ſaid Pariſh of *Leeds*, and that before they were divided, two large Churches, one of Brick, and the other of Wood, were built, both which are in the preſent Pariſh of *Hamilton*, and that the Petitioners have been obliged to build four Churches in their own Pariſh, at a very conſiderable Expence; and therefore praying that the ſaid Petition, for another Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſhes, may be rejected, and that the Pariſhioners of *Hamilton* may be obliged to refund, to thoſe of *Leeds*, a reaſonable proportion of the Tobacco paid for building the ſaid Brick Church.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, to whom the ſaid Petition of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Hamilton* is referred; and that they do examine the Matter of this Petition, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

103 A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the County of *King George*, and others, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners ſuffer many Inconveniences, and meet with frequent Diſappointments, by the Union of *Gibſon's* and *Morton's* Inſpections, and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Friday

Friday, the 20th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

A *Petition* of *Caldwell Pettypoole* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the petitioner is ſeiſed, in Right of *Mary* his Wife, in Fee Tail, of a Tract of Land, containing two hundred and eighty-one Acres, lying in the Pariſh of *Henrico*, in the County of *Henrico*, a great Diſtance from the Place of his Reſidence, which he might ſell for a high Price, much to the Advantage of his Wife and Family, if he was enabled ſo to do; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe, upon making an equivalent Settlement, to which his Wife is conſenting.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Adams* and Mr *DuVal* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners for ſettling the Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſes at *Morton's;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Bland* accordingly reported from the ſaid Committee the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Stratton Major*, in the County of *King and Queen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, 194
for ſeveral Years paſt, have been oppreſſed and grieved by the arbitrary, illegal, and unwarrantable Proceedings of the ſaid Veſtry; that the ſaid Veſtry unneceſſarily built a very coſtly Church in the ſaid Pariſh, and ſuffered others more conveniently ſituated to become ruinous; and that the ſaid Veſtry have choſen one of their Members Clerk of the Veſtry, and continue him in Office, contrary to Law, and have not obſerved and fulfilled the Directions of the Act of General Aſſembly, in the Appointment of Proceſſioners, and regiſtering their Proceedings; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.*

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be prepared to be preſented to his Majeſty to expreſs the high Opinion we entertain of his benevolent Intentions towards his Subjects in the Colonies, and that we are thereby induced to aſk his paternal Aſſiſtance in averting

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 335.

ing a Calamity of a moſt alarming Nature; that the Importation of Negroes from *Africa* has long been conſidered as a Trade of great Inhumanity, and, under its preſent Encouragement, may endanger the Exiſtence of his *American* Dominions; that Self-Preſervation therefore urges us to implore him to remove all Reſtraints on his Governors from paſſing Acts of Aſſembly, which are intended to check this pernicious Commerce; and that we preſume to hope the Intereſts of a few of his Subjects in *Great-Britain* will be diſregarded, when ſuch a Number of his People look up to him for Protection in a Point ſo eſſential; that, when our Duty calls upon us to make Application for his Attention to the Welfare of this his antient Colony, we cannot refrain from renewing thoſe Profeſſions of Loyalty and Affection we have ſo often, with great Sincerity, made, or from aſſuring him, that we regard his Wiſdom and Virtue as the ſureſt Pledges of the Happineſs of his People.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *Bland*.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid pariſh, by Virtue of a late Act of the General Aſſembly, was made in an unfair, irregular and illegal Manner; and therefore praying that the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are
105 as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying that the Houſe will apply to the Governor, for his Majeſty's Writ, to adjourn the Court of the ſaid County, from the Town of *Frederickſburg*, to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Stubblefield*, and Mr *Mann Page*.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for clearing* Mattapony *River*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *David Maſon* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint James*, in the County of *Mecklenburg*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, having cauſed three large Churches and a Chapel to be built, conſulted as to the Situations thereof, the Conveniency of the Veſtrymen themſelves, rather than that of the Petitioners; and that the ſaid Veſtry having agreed to receive into the Pariſh a Miniſter, who was approved of by the Pariſhioners

[1] Hening, VI, p. 394.

ioners, afterwards ſuddenly received another Miniſter, who was a Stranger to them; and that the ſaid Veſtry, in Order to enable one *Rogers*, a notorious Gameſter, of infamous Character, to obtain Holy Orders, gave him a Recommendation to a Benefice, but took a Bond from him, with Security, in the Penalty of one thouſand Pounds, that he ſhould not claim under that Title; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Henrico* and *Hanover* Counties, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed acroſs *James* River, from a Place called *Rocket's* Landing, in the ſaid County of *Henrico*, to the Land of the Honourable *William Byrd*, Eſq; in the County of *Cheſterfield*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *King George*, praying that the Inſpections of Tobacco at *Gibſon's* and *Morton's* Warehouſes may be diſunited, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Cave's* Warehouſes may be diſcontinued, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, as prays that the Navigation of the River *Potowmack*, from Tide Water to Fort *Cumberland*, may be improved at the Expence of the Public, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that the ſaid Navigation may be improved by Subſcription, or Lottery, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond of the ſaid Reſolutions. 108

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the laſt of the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petitions of *Robert Garrett* and *William Plunket*, late Inſpectors, and of the ſaid *Robert Garrett* and *Henry Ware*, preſent Inſpectors, at *Conway's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Caroline*, were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that, at the Times the Tobacco mentioned in the ſaid Petitions was ſtolen, the ſaid Warehouſes were inſufficient; that previous thereto the ſaid Inſpectors had often applied to the Court of the County of *Caroline*, to put the ſaid Warehouſes in proper Repair; and that the ſaid Court, in the Month of *October*, 1770, appointed Persons to let the ſame, but before the Repairs were made, the ſaid Tobacco was ſtolen.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolutions:

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 318.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition of *Robert Garrett* and *William Plunket* is reaſonable, and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of thirteen Pounds and ten Shillings, for the Tobacco in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition of *Robert Garrett* and *Henry Ware* is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of thirty-one Pounds, for the Tobacco in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Rictor*, of the County of *Fauquier*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Land of the petitioner, whereon he lives, in the ſaid County, is conveniently ſituated for a Town; and that ſeveral Tradeſmen have already ſettled at that Place, and others are willing to ſettle there, in Caſe a Town be eſtabliſhed, and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for laying off fifty Acres of the ſaid Land into Lots for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid petition, and that Mr *Marſhall*, and Mr *Scott*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *May* be added to the Committee for Religion, and the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Elizabeth Derrick* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Negro Man Slave *Jack*, mentioned in the ſaid Petition, was committed to Gaol for hogſtealing, and that during his Conſinement he was froſtbitten, by which Means he died in a few Days after his Trial.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable, and that the ſaid *Elizabeth Derrick* ought to be allowed the Sum of ſeventy-five Pounds for the ſaid Slave.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Allowances of thirteen Pounds and ten Shillings to *Robert Garrett*, and *William Plunket*, and of thirty-one Pounds to the ſaid *Robert Garrett*, and
107 *Henry Ware*, for Tobacco ſtolen out of *Conway's* Warehouſe; *and alſo* the Allowance of ſeventy-five Pounds to *Elizabeth Derrick*, for a Slave, who having been froſtbitten during his Impriſonment as a Felon, died a few Days after his Trial, be entered in the Book of Public Claims by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowances* were ſeverally entered accordingly.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Lankford*, and *Richard Booker*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are Proprietors of a public Ferry over *Staunton* River, from the Land of *Edward Booker*, deceaſed, in the County of *Halifax*, to the Land of *John Fuqua*, deceaſed, and that the Rate of the ſaid Ferry, which was formerly ſettled at two Pence *per* Man, was afterwards raiſed to three Pence; but that the Act, by which the Ferriage was raiſed, contained a ſuſpending Clauſe, and it is uncertain whether the ſaid Act hath been approved of by his Majeſty, and therefore praying that the Rate of the ſaid Ferry may be made equal to that of other Ferries over the ſame River.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing ſo much of the Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 44.

ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, over the *Fluvanna*, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, that they do make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for ſettling the Ferriage from the Land of *Edward Booker*, deceaſed, over *Staunton* River, to the Land of *John Fuqua*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Duval* be added to the Committee for Religion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 21st of March, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Winſlow* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1760, the Petitioner, having received a recruiting Commiſſion, from Lieutenant Governor *Fauquier*, to enliſt Men for the *Cherokee* Expedition, and being particularly directed by his Inſtructions not to regard the Size of the Soldiers, if they were young and healthy, and had good Legs, recruited one *John Bromley*, about eighteen Years of Age, and in every other reſpect, except his Stature, unexceptionable, to whom the Petitioner advanced the ten Pounds Bounty Money, and who was ſupported by the Petitioner in a March from the Neighbourhood of *Frederickſburg* to *Bryant's* Camp, on *Roanoke*, where the ſaid *John Bromley* was objected to and refuſed, becauſe he was under Size, by the Commanding Officer; and further ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, underſtanding that the General Aſſembly had repaid to Officers in the like Circumſtances their enliſting Money and Expences, deſired Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, then a Member for the County of *Spotſylvania*, to lay the Caſe before the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and put into his Hands the Vouchers to juſtify his Claim, but, it ſeems, the Matter was never conſidered by that Honourable Houſe; and therefore praying that ſuch Satiſfaction may now be made to him as ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[1] *to Appoint Commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing Line between the Counties of* Stafford *and* King George. 106

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 17, leave out "*ſucceeding General*," and inſert "*Seſſion of*" inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Byrn*, of the County of *Frederick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Tract of Land on *Shanando* River, in the ſaid County, whereof the Petitioner is ſeiſed, in Right of his Wife, is a very convenient Place for a public Ferry; and therefore praying that ſuch Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from thence, over the ſaid River, to the oppoſite Bank.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act*[2] *to amend an Act*, intituled *An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding;* and the ſaid Amendments were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 11, after "*gouging*," inſert "*plucking or putting out an Eye;*" leave out "*or*," and after "*biting*," inſert "*kicking, or ſtamping upon.*"

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 601. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 520.

The ſaid *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Gray* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

A *Petition* of *Fielding Lewis*, and others, Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Church Yard of the ſaid Pariſh, in the Town of *Frederickſburg*, lying, for the moſt Part, on the Side of a Hill, is not a proper Situation for a new Church, which it will ſoon be neceſſary to build, and beſides, is not large enough, nor fit, for a burying Ground; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may be impowered to ſell ſo much of the ſaid Church Yard as hath not been uſed for Interment, and to lay out the Money ariſing from the Sale, or ſo much of it as ſhall be ſufficient, in purchaſing other Land in the ſaid Town more convenient for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Mann Page* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of* Surry, *and* Princeſs Anne.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 2, after "*Surry*" inſert "*Bedford.*"

Line 8, after "*Month,*" inſert "*and the Court of the ſaid County of* Bedford *ſhall be held on the fourth* Monday *in every Month.*"

In the *Title* of the Bill after "*Surry*" inſert "*Bedford.*"

The ſaid *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

A *Petition* of *William Roane*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read;
109 ſetting forth that the petitioner had agreed to purchaſe a Tract of fifteen hundred Acres of Land, in the County of *King and Queen*, from *John Randolph Grymes*, to whom the ſaid Land was deviſed by the Will of his Father, the Honourable *Philip Grymes*, Eſquire, deceaſed, for ſeven hundred and fifty Pounds, but that it hath been ſince diſcovered that the ſaid Land, by ſome Anceſtor of the Family, had been entailed, and was not ſubject to the ſaid Will; and further ſetting forth, that *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Eſquire, the eldeſt Son and Heir of the Body of the ſaid *Philip Grymes*, the Teſtator, having been amply provided for by his Father, is willing and deſirous that his ſaid Brother ſhould have all the Benefit intended for him by the ſaid Deviſe; and therefore praying that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for veſting the Fee Simple Eſtate of the ſaid fifteen hundred Acres of Land in the Petitioner, upon Payment of the Conſideration Money aforeſaid to the ſaid *John Randolph Grymes*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Nelſon* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Mann Page*, and Mr *Taliaferro* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Weſt* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Taliaferro*, Mr *Bowyer*, and Mr *Weſt* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *John Pollard* and *Thomas Sharpe*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Dixon's* Warehouſes, in the Town of *Falmouth*, and County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Salaries of the Petitioners, for ſeveral years before the late Act of General Aſſembly, which reduced them to forth-five Pounds *per Annum* each, had been equal to thoſe of the Inſpectors at *Falmouth* Warehouſes, who are ſtill allowed fifty Pounds each, and who do not Inſpect more Tobacco than the Petitioners, the Quantity brought annually to each Inſpection being from twelve to fifteen

fifteen hundred Hogſheads; and therefore praying that this Houſe will encreaſe their Salaries for the future, and make them Amends for the ſaid Reduction.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Suſſex* and *Dinwiddie*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe, for obliging the Owners of Mills, on *Nottoway* River, to make in their Dams Slopes, of a new and extraordinary Kind; and repreſenting, that the Slopes propoſed would render the Mills unprofitable, and probably carry them away, by which the People in that Part of the Country, watered by very few conſtant Streams, would ſuffer greater Inconvenience than the free Paſſage of Fiſh would compenſate; and therefore praying that no Alteration may be made in the Law relating to Slopes in Mill Dams.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Montagu* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* next. 119

A *Petition* of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dryſdale*, in the County of *Caroline*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe for a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh; and ſetting forth that the Petitioners think the Diviſion unreaſonable; and repreſenting that it would not relieve thoſe who wiſh for it, without deſerting both the preſent Churches in the Pariſh, and building others; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may not be divided.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

An engroſſed *Bill* for dividing the County of *Frederick* into three diſtinct Counties was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for dividing the County of* Frederick *into three diſtinct Counties*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Several *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Caroline*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Rivers *Mattapony* and *Pamunkey* are capable of an extenſive Navigation, which might conſiderably leſſen the Expence of carrying Commodities to Market; that all Rivers, as the Petitioners Conceive, ought to remain open, not only for the Purpoſes of Commerce, but that the Paſſage for Fiſh being free, all Men may equally partake of that natural Supply of Proviſions; and that the General Aſſembly, with a View to ſuch deſirable Ends, have empowered Truſtees to receive Subſcriptions for clearing *Mattapony* and *Pamunkey*, in Conſequence of which ſeveral Sums of Money were raiſed and laid out, but the good Intention of the Legiſlature hath been wholly defeated by the erecting Mill Dams, and ſetting Fiſh Hedges and Stops acroſs the ſaid Rivers; and therefore humbly ſubmitting it to the Wiſdom of the Houſe to provide an effectual Remedy to remove all preſent Obſtructions, and prevent them for the future.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, was referred, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 597.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Martha Lavie*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner's late Huſband *James Lavie*, who attended the Committee of Correſpondence, as their Meſſenger and Door-keeper, for which this Houſe made him an Allowance in *November*, 1769, had received nothing for his ſaid Services from that Time until he died; and therefore praying that the Petitioner, who is left in indigent Circumſtances, may be allowed by this Honourable Houſe whatever they may think the ſaid *James Lavie* deſerved.

Reſolved, That the Sum of ten Pounds be paid to the ſaid *Martha Lavie*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Allowance be entered in the Book of Public Claims.

111 And the ſame was entered accordingly.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint James*, in the County of *Mecklenburg*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, was referred, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers;* alſo to continue and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to oblige Perſons, bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for continuing and amending ſeveral Acts, and reviving one Act, for laying Duties upon Slaves imported.*

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Marſhall* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to explain and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh*, was committed that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Petition of Mr *Thomas Pettus*, complaining of an undue Election of Mr *Henry Elagrave* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lunenburg*, was referred, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before *Lyddal Bacon*, *Thomas Wynne*, *Eliſha Betts*, *Thomas Tabb*, *Jonathan Patterſon*, *Anthony Street*, *William Taylor*, and *Abraham Maury*, or any three of them, at the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, on *Friday*, the 27th Inſtant, if fair, if not, the next fair Day, touching any Treats or Entertainments, given by the ſitting Member, or his Agents, to the Freeholders of the ſaid County

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 530. [2] Ibid, VII, p. 338. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 530. [4] Ibid VIII, p. 361.

County, after the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County was iſſued, or on the Day of Election before the Poll was concluded; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners do return the Depoſitions before the firſt Day of *April* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be deferred till the ſaid firſt Day of *April* next.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Marſhall* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to eſtabliſh a Town on the Land of *John Rictor*, in the County of *Fauquier*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.* 112

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled *An Act*[2] *to amend the Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on ſundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and that Mr *John Jones*, and Mr *Stith*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday *Morning next, eleven of the Clock.*

Monday, the 23d of March, 12 George III. 1772.

SEVERAL *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application made to this Houſe by a few Perſons for dividing the ſaid Pariſh; and ſetting forth that much the greater Number of the Pariſhioners do not deſire the ſaid Diviſion; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may not be divided.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for Religion, to whom the Bill for dividing the Pariſhes of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, is committed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Truſtees for the Town of *Cobham*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Williamſburg* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Bill which hath paſſed this Houſe, and hath been agreed to by the Council, intituled *An Act*[3] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg, may not be carried into Execution, ſome of the Perſons through whoſe Lands the ſaid Canal muſt paſs, being Infants, who cannot conſent to, and others having it in their Power to hinder the cutting thereof; and therefore praying that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the Truſtees and Directors of the ſaid Work to cut or dig through the Lands of any Perſon or Perſons, under ſuch Reſtrictions and Regulations as the Houſe ſhall think juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid petition; and that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Alexander* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to permit certain Perſons therein mentioned to erect Gates acroſs the public Roads leading through their Lands; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 335. [2] Ibid, VII, p. 590. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 556.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Bill for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover* and *Louiſa*, and of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and
118 afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Charlotte*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Place, at which the Ferry over *Staunton* River, called *Fuqua's*, is kept, is not ſo proper for that Purpoſe as another Place about a Mile and a half above, and therefore praying that the ſaid Ferry may be diſcontinued, and another appointed at the laſt mentioned Place, from the Land of *Walter Coles* to the Land of *Joſeph Fuqua*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Rind* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Treaſurer was directed by this Houſe to pay to the Petitioner for printing Bills of Credit for the thirty thouſand Pounds emitted in Purſuance of an Act of the laſt General Aſſembly, the Sum of one hundred Pounds, which was not a ſufficient Compenſation; and therefore praying ſuch further Allowance as ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Memorial of *Andrew Eſtave* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Memorial, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Treaſurer of this Colony pay to the Truſtees, in the ſaid Memorial mentioned, the Sum of fifty-three Pounds and ten Shillings, to be by them laid out in purchaſing another Slave in Lieu of the one ſold by the ſaid *Eſtave*, with their Conſent, for twelve Months Credit, upon their delivering the Bond given for Payment thereof to the ſaid Treaſurer, who is to receive the ſame, and thereby to reimburſe the Public the Sum aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of forty-two Pounds and fifteen Shillings ought to be allowed and paid by the Public to the ſaid *Andrew Eſtave* for ſo much neceſſarily expended by him in carrying on the Works of the Vineyard in the ſaid Memorial mentioned.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Andrew Eſtave* ought to be further allowed by the Public the Sum of fifty Pounds *per Annum*, for two Years, to be paid to him quarterly.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Allowance of fifty-three Pounds and ten Shillings to the Truſtees appointed by the Act of General Aſſembly, for encouraging the making Wine, and alſo the Allowance of forty-two Pounds and fifteen Shillings to *Andrew Eſtave*, be entered in the Book of Public Claims by the Clerk.

And the ſame were entered accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Sum of fifty Pounds *per Annum* be paid to *Andrew Eſtave* during the Term of two Years, by quarterly Payments.

Ordered

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Patrick Henry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Sum of thirty-ſix Pounds and fourteen Shillings be paid to *Benjamin Powell*, for the Balance of his Account, for building a Dwelling Houſe at the public Vineyard, and furniſhing Materials for the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Jacob Strickley* and *Henry Funk*, in Behalf of themſelves, and their Chriſtian Brethren, of the Sect, called Menoniſts, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioners and their Friends are comfortably ſettled on the Frontiers of this Colony, where they can ſupport themſelves and their Families, if they may be relieved from the Payment of Fines for not performing military Duty, which their religious Tenets forbid them to exerciſe; and therefore praying that they may be exempt from ſuch Penalties.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for eſtabliſhing the Town of *Fincaſtle*, in the County of *Botetourt*, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council do inſiſt upon the Amendment *made by them to the Bill, intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *diſagreed to by this Houſe, and do deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The ſaid *Amendment* being again read;

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made thereunto, *viz.*

Leave out "*thirteen Shillings and four Pence*," and inſert "*twelve Shillings and ſix Pence*," inſtead thereof.

And the ſaid *Amendment* to the Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the *Queſtion* being put, that the Houſe doth agree to the Amendment made by the Council, with the ſaid Amendment thereunto;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them, with an Amendment, to which Amendment to the Amendment this Houſe doth deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *John Burton*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner, whilſt he was in that Service, was ſo wounded in an Engagement by two Muſket Balls, one of which, lodged in the Small of his Back, could never be extracted, that he is unable by his own Labour, and hath no other Means to maintain himſelf, and that he ſuffers continual Pain, and is in great Diſtreſs; and therefore humbly praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 616. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 515.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to aſcertain the Value of certain Churches and Chapels in the Pariſhes of
115 *Frederick*, *Norborne*, and *Beckford*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

A *Petition* of *William Ayres*, of the County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that the Petitioner hath, for many Years, adminiſtered a Medicine to Perſons afflicted with the Flux, with ſuch Succeſs that not one of his Patients, who followed his Directions, ever died of that Diſeaſe; and therefore praying that the Houſe will make him an Allowance for communicating ſo uſeful a Remedy to the public, which he is willing to do, upon receiving a reaſonable Satiſfaction.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is *referred* to Mr *Roane*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Edmondſon*, Mr *Joſeph Jones*, and Mr *Fitzhugh*.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince George*, *Dinwiddie*, *Brunſwick*, *Amelia*, *Mecklenburg*, *Lunenburg*, and *Suſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Warehouſes for Inſpection of Tobacco, upon *Appamattox* River, are not ſufficient to contain the Quantities of that Commodity brought thither, neither are the preſent Inſpectors able to diſpatch ſo much Buſineſs, which moreover will probably increaſe; and therefore praying that another Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed upon the Lots of Col. *Robert Bolling*, in the Town of *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Dinwiddie*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that it is neceſſary to eſtabliſh another Warehouſe for the Reception of Tobacco brought to *Peterſburg;* and therefore praying that another Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of Col. *Robert Bolling*, at *Cedar Point*, *Bolling's Point* and *Bollingbrooke* Warehouſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Robinſon*, of the County of *King George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that a Negro Man Slave, named *Edinburg*, belonging to the Petitioner, ran away from his Quarter, at a great Diſtance from him, and that the Petitioner did all in his Power to procure the ſaid Slave to be outlawed, but before that was done, the ſaid Slave, having been apprehended and confined, was let looſe by another Slave, and running into the River was drowned; and therefore praying that he may be allowed the Value of his ſaid Slave by the Public.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 24th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

116 MR *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for keeping in Repair ſeveral Roads and Bridges, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments

Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Acts for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with ſome Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony was read the third Time.

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The *Noes* went forth.

Tellers for the *Yeas*,	{ Mr *Treaſurer*, / Mr *Riddick*, }	48
Tellers for the *Noes*,	{ Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, / Mr *Cary*. }	32

So it was *reſolved* in the Affirmative;

And that the *Title* of the Bill be, *An Act*[1] *to remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Amendment *made by this Houſe to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; *and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for dividing the County of *Frederick* into three diſtinct Counties, *without any Amendment.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that he had received a Letter from the Speaker of the Aſſembly of *North Carolina*, upon the Subject Matter of a Sollicitation, by Agents, to obtain Permiſſion to import Salt to the *Britiſh* Dominions in *America*, from *Spain* and *Portugal.*

And he delivered the *Letter* in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs in *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, 117
and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table;

And the Houſe being informed, that ſome other Amendments are neceſſary to be made to the ſaid Bill;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the Committee, to whom the ſame was committed.

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[1] Not recorded as a law. [2] Hening, VIII. p. 515. [3] Ibid, VIII. p. 597.

A *Bill* for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees appointed to carry into Execution an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Eaſe and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; and that Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.*

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom ſeveral Petitions and Memorials were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions and Memorials, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the further Conſideration of the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Ruſſell*, in the County of *Bedford*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided, and alſo of the ſeveral Petitions in Oppoſition thereto, be deferred till the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Memorial of the Reverend *Alexander Gordon*, Rector of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, ſetting forth that his Salary, as it is now paid, is not adequate to his Expence and Trouble, and praying Redreſs, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the ſame Salary as other Miniſters are intitled to receive under an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the 22d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[3] *for the Support of the Clergy, and for the regular collecting and paying the Pariſh Levies.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Fauquier*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh and the Pariſh of *Leeds* may be divided by a new Line, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Memorial of the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh of *Leeds*, in Oppoſition to the Petition for another Diviſion thereof, and praying that the ſaid Pariſh of *Hamilton* may be obliged to refund to the Pariſh
113 of *Leeds*, a Proportion of the Tobacco paid for building a Brick Church, in the Memorial mentioned, is reaſonable.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 556. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 335. [3] Ibid, VI, p. 88.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſecond and laſt Reſolutions and that the ſaid Committee do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 25th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *John Burton*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of ten Pounds for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of five Pounds *per Annum* during his Life, in Conſideration of the Wounds he received and the Hardſhips he ſuffered in the Service, and of his being thereby rendered incapable of getting a neceſſary Subſiſtence.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *William Rind*, praying that a further Allowance may be made him for printing Bills of Credit to the Amount of thirty thouſand Pounds, emitted in Purſuance of an Act of the laſt General Aſſembly, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be paid the Sum of ſixty Pounds for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Winſlow* is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of ten Pounds and ten Shillings, for the Bounty Money, and ſubſiſting the Recruit, in the Petition mentioned.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Hackney* and *Rowland Sutton*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Kemp's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Middleſex*, is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be allowed the Sum of eight Pounds nineteen Shillings and one Penny; it appearing that the ſaid Warehouſes at the Time the Tobacco, in the Petition mentioned, was ſtolen, were in good Repair, and well ſecured with good Locks and Bolts, and that the Loſs was not occaſioned by any Neglect of the Petitioners.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Conſideration of the Petition of *Benjamin Grymes*, in Behalf of himſelf and of his Creditors, to be allowed a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the Damage done their Slave, who was committed to Gaol for Hogſtealing, and was froſtbitten, during his Confinement, be deferred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Allowances of ten Pounds to *John Burton, and alſo* of ſixty Pounds to *William Rind, and alſo* of ten Pounds and ten Shillings to *Benjamin Winſlow, and alſo* of eight Pounds nineteen Shillings and one Penny to *William Hackney* and *Rowland Sutton*, be entered in the Book of Public Claims by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowances* were entered accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Sum of five Pounds *per Annum* be paid to *John Burton*, a poor wounded Soldier, during his Life.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice;

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The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

119 The other *Order* of the Day being read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Letter from the Earl of *Hillſborough* to the Governor, upon the Subject of a Copper Coinage.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 26th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

AN engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſquire, is ſeiſed, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Ralph Wormeley, *Eſquire, is ſeiſed.*

Ordered, That Mr *Berkeley* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Chaplain do attend to read Prayers, every Morning, at eight of the Clock.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council, and acquaint them, that the Chaplain will attend to read Prayers, at eight of the Clock, every Morning, in the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* for keeping in Repair ſeveral Roads and Bridges, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for keeping in Repair ſeveral Roads, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *James Henry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt certain Counties from the Regulations of an Act for continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and that Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Dandridge*, and Mr *Marable*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of the Settlers on the Waters of *Holſton* and *New River*, formerly in the County of *Auguſta*, but now in the County of *Botetourt*, praying that a new County may be eſtabliſhed on the ſaid Waters, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 637. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 543. [3] Ibid, V. p. 38.

Mr *Hutchings* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Mr *John Page* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* be added to the Gentlemen, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the Petition of *Caldwell Pettypoole.*

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for continuing and amending ſeveral Acts, and reviving one Act for laying Duties upon Slaves imported, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſquire, is ſeiſed, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to* Andrew Eſtave; *and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying a Sum of Money to* Benjamin Powell.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to allow the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, the ſame Salary as other Miniſters are intitled to receive under an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the twenty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[5] *for the Support of the Clergy, and for the regular collecting the Pariſh Levies;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Mann Page* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in *Spotſylvania* County, to ſell Part of the Church Yard within the Town of *Frederickſburg;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *William Cabell* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to exempt certain Counties from the Regulations of an Act for continuing and amending the Act, intituled

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1 Hening, VII, p. 397. 2 Ibid, VI, p. 33. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 530. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 637.
5 Ibid, VI, p. 88.

intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Richard Hewitt* and *Elias Hore*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Aquia* Warehouſes, in the County of *Stafford*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commiſſioners be appointed to ſtate an Account of the Tobacco damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, and enquire by what Means ſuch Damage happened, and report the ſame to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as prays that the Salaries of the ſaid Inſpectors may be encreaſed, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed, each, an additional Salary of ten Pounds *per Annum*.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the firſt Reſolution do lie upon the Table until the ſecond reading of the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners for ſelling the Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſe at *Morton's*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *William Todd*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt the Wharf at *Point Weſt*, in the Town of *Alexandria*, in the Truſtees of the ſaid Town for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *John Jones* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *to amend an Act intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on ſundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The other *Orders* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *to continue and amend*

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[1] Hening, V, p. 38. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 318. [3] Ibid, VII, p. 590. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 335.

amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the Letter from the Earl of *Hillſborough* to the Governor upon the Subject of a Copper Coinage.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees appointed to carry into Execution an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[1] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg. 122

Mr *Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful hunting;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe was moved, that the *Order* made upon *Tueſday* laſt, that the Committee for Religion do prepare, and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the ſecond and laſt Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which were upon that Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order, as to preparing and bringing in a Bill upon the ſaid laſt Reſolution, be diſcharged.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the ſeveral petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may not be divided, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petitions be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Eaſe and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners to aſcertain the Value of certain Churches and Chapels in the Pariſhes of *Frederick*, *Norborne*, and *Beckford*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, which, upon *Monday* laſt was preſented to the Houſe, was read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Francis Peyton*, Mr *Marſhall*, and Mr *Scott*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the laſt of the Reſolutions of the Committee for Religion, which, upon *Tueſday* laſt, were reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* for making further Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for making further Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 556. [2] Ibid, V, p. 60. [3] Hening, VIII, p. 594.

Friday, the 27th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

AN engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *concerning Seamen*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act concerning Seamen.*

Ordered, That Mr *Hutchings* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, who were appointed to enquire into the State of the eſtabliſhed Religion in this Colony, that the Committee had enquired accordingly, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and the Reſolution of the ſaid Committee is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for ſuperintending the Conduct of the Clergy a Juriſdiction conſiſting of Laymen and Clergymen be eſtabliſhed.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

123 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the ſaid Report.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Harriſon* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Harriſon* accordingly reported the Reſolution which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Houſe be moved, that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to eſtabliſh a Juriſdiction for ſuperintending the Conduct of the Clergy, to be exerciſed by Clergymen, with an Appeal to a Court of Delegates.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to eſtabliſh a Juriſdiction for ſuperintending the Conduct of the Clergy, to be exerciſed by Clergymen, with an Appeal to a Court of Delegates; and that Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *Bland*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Barbour*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, and Mr *Stith*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The *Orders* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees appointed to carry into Execution an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[3] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed upon *Friday* laſt, to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly

[1] Hening, VI. p. 24. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 523. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 556.

accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as ſolloweth, *viz.*

My Lord,

The Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave humbly to repreſent, that they have received a Petition from a conſiderable Number of the Inhabitants of the County of* Spotſylvania, *ſetting forth that the Petitioners have for many Years ſuffered great Hardſhips and unneceſſary Expences from the inconvenient Situation of the Court-Houſe in the Town of* Frederickſburg, *near one Corner of the County; and that they have been diſappointed in ſeveral Applications to former Governors, for Relief, by adjourning the Court to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants.*

Without meaning to draw into Queſtion any juſt Prerogative of the Crown, which it is their Inclination, as well as Intereſt, ever to ſupport, but thinking it their indiſpenſable Duty to communicate to your Excellency any Grievance the People they repreſent may ſuſtain, from the Exerciſe of the Powers of Government, in Inſtances where their Caſes may not have been fully explained, the Burgeſſes have taken into their mature Conſideration, as well the ſaid Petition, as one, in Oppoſition thereto, from ſundry Inhabitants in and near the ſaid Town of Frederickſburg, *and are of Opinion, that ſuch Removal would be juſt and proper, for the following, among other, Reaſons.*

Firſt, That Court-Houſes, being deſigned for the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, built at the Expence of the whole People of the County, and the uſual Place for the Exerciſe of the Militia of General Muſters, they conceive, ſhould be ſo placed, as that a Majority may reſort to them, with equal Eaſe and Convenience, as far as may be, which can only happen by holding the Court in the Centre.

Secondly, That though the Encouragement of Towns may be uſeful to Trade and Commerce, Objects worthy of the Public Attention, yet they are of Opinion, that ſuch Encouragement ought to be given by other Means than that of ſacrificing the Eaſe and Convenience of the People in the Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Thirdly, By holding the Court in one Corner of the County, many poor People muſt be obliged, as has happened in this Caſe, to travel double the Diſtance they need go, and under the Neceſſity of neglecting their Families and Buſineſs, by ſtaying all Night from Home, at Expences very injurious to them, when, from the Centre, every Perſon might be able to return Home the ſame Day.

Theſe Reaſons, with ſuch others as may occur, the Burgeſſes humbly ſubmit to your Lordſhip's Conſideration, and cannot avoid intreating your Excellency to relieve the People, by ordering the ſaid County Court to be adjourned to, and held at, ſome Place in or near the Centre of the County.

The ſaid *Addreſs*, being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the Gentlemen who drew up the ſame.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Blackwell*, the younger, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order, made upon *Wedneſday* the 11th Day of this Inſtant

Inſtant, that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, which was, upon that Day, reported, and agreed to by the Houſe, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 28th of March, 12 George III. 1772.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

126 Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſeveral other Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be printed.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for keeping in repair ſeveral Roads, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendment into Conſideration.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 38, after '*Drivers*' inſert '*and Owners.*'

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Ordered, That Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Bowyer*, Mr *Burton*, and Mr *Edmondſon*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Circumſtances of the Affairs of the late Treaſurer, and that they report the State thereof, with their Opinion by what Means the Money due from him to the Public may be ſecured, to the Houſe.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Joſeph Jones*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Digges*, Mr *Fitzhugh*, and Mr *Baniſter*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Allowances to the Keeper of the Public Priſon for the Maintenance of poor Priſoners and Runaways; and that Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Treaſurer*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for further regulating the Practice of Attornies; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Treaſurer*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, eleven of the Clock.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 543.

Monday, the 30th of March. 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts, made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act, be now read.*

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomſon Maſon* be added to the Committee for Religion, the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The other *Order* of the Day being read; 129

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Letter from the Earl of *Hillſborough* to the Governor, upon the Subject of a Copper Coinage.

Mr *Gray* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable the *Nottoway* Indians to leaſe certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

A *Bill* for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape *Henry* was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Hutchings* and Mr *Holt*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for repealing ſo much of the Act made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[2] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, over the *Fluvanna*, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for eſtabliſhing a Ferry, over *James* River, from the Land of *William Crow*, to the Land of *Andrew Boyd*, in the County of *Botetourt*.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the County of *Botetourt* into two diſtinct Counties; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Roane* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *William Eyres* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to the *Committee*, from a Certificate ſubſcribed by a great Number of Perſons, whoſe Veracity is well known to the Committee, that the Petitioner has, for ſeveral Years paſt, been employed by ſundry Perſons in curing and ſtopping the Flux, in their Families, and has had general Succeſs therein, having never loſt a Patient, who followed his Directions. It further appears to the Committee, by a Certificate from one *Thomas Turner*, Eſquire, that the Petitioner has lately cured, of that Diſeaſe, ſeveral

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 529. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 44

ſeveral of his, the ſaid *Turner's* Family, many of whom, it was thought, would die of it. It further *appears* to the Committee, by a Certificate from one *George Turnbull*, that, notwithſtanding he had the Aſſiſtance of a Phyſician, he lay fourteen Days ill of that Diſeaſe, and his Life, the whole Time, was much deſpaired of; that in an Hour after the Petitioner had adminiſtered to him, he found great Eaſe, and, in a ſhort Time, was perfectly cured, and by following his Directions the Diſorder ſtopped.

Whereupon the *Committee* came to the following Reſolution:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Publication of his Remedy, and Manner of treating that Diſeaſe, may be of public Utility.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time;

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That M^r *Treaſurer* do cauſe the Names of all the Sheriffs, who have failed to collect and account for the public Taxes, together with the Balances due from them reſpectively, to be published in the *Virginia Gazette*, at ſuch Times as he ſhall think proper, before the 10^th Day of *November* next.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom
127 ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Aylett*, Proprietor of the public Warehouſes on his Land, in the County of *King William*, praying that he may deliver up the ſaid Warehouſes to the Public, and that their Value may be aſcertained by Perſons, to be appointed for that Purpoſe, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *John Pollard* and *Thomas Sharpe*, Inſpectors at *Dixon's* Warehouſe, in the County of *King George*, as prays that their Salaries may be increaſed, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of fifty Pounds *per Annum*, each.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid petition, praying ſome Compenſation for Loſs by the Reduction of their Salaries, in the Year 1769, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed ten Pounds, each, for the two laſt Years.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Conſideration of the Petition of *Joſeph Byrn*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed, over *Shenandoah* River, from his Land, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of *Bryan Martin*, Eſquire, oppoſite thereto, ought to be deferred till the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Halifax* and *Charlotte*, as prays that the Ferry, over *Staunton* River, from the Land of *William Fuqua*, deceaſed, to the Land of *Walter Coles*, oppoſite thereto, may be diſcontinued, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed, over the ſaid River, from the Land of *Walter Coles*, in *Halifax* County, to the Land of *Joſeph Fuqua*, in the County of *Charlotte*, is reaſonable.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee, to whom the petition of the ſaid *William Aylett* was referred.

The ſubſequent *Reſolutions* of the Committee, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to whom the Bill to con-

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tinue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for repealing ſo much of the Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[2] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, over the *Fluvanna*, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the fifth and ſixth Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Allowance of ten Pounds to *John Pollard* and *Thomas Sharpe*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Dixon's* Warehouſe, in the County of *King George*, each, be entered in the Book of Public Claims by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph*, Mr *Joſeph Jones*, Mr *Speed*, and Mr *May*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A *Bill* to permit certain Perſons therein mentioned to erect Gates acroſs the public Roads, leading through their Lands, was read a ſecond Time. 128

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of the Diſſenters, called Menoniſts, praying that they may be exempt from the Penalties inflicted for not attending Muſters, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Book of Public Claims.

And the ſaid *Book* was partly read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be adjourned till Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do ſtate an Account of the Allowances to be made to the Witneſſes, who attended the Commiſſioners, to be examined touching the Matter of the Petition of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Pettus* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do ſtate an Account of the Allowances to be made to the Witneſſes, who attended the Committee for Religion, upon the hearing of the Petitions of ſeveral Perſons of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and the Petition of the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

A *Bill* for appointing Truſtees to regulate the making of Slopes for the Paſſage of Fiſh, in the Mill Dams within the County of *Bedford*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Hancock* is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, in Lieu thereof, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to dock the Intail of certain*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 318 [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 44. [3] Ibid, VIII, p 635.

certain Lands whereof John Hancock *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Blackwell*, the younger, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* James Blackwell, *the younger, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 31st of March, 12 George III. 1772.

A *Bill* to appoint Commiſſioners to view a Place propoſed for a Road through the South Mountain was read a ſecond Time. 129

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Letter from the Earl of *Hillſborough* to the Governor upon the Subject of a Copper Coinage;

Ordered, That the Extracts of Letters which have paſſed between Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *John Norton*, of *London*, Merchant, upon the ſame Subject, and which were this Day laid before the Houſe by Mr *Treaſurer*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Bland* accordingly reported the Reſolutions, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, returning him the Thanks of the Houſe for communicating the Earl of *Hillſborough's* Letter on the Subject of Copper Money; expreſſing the Satisfaction we have received, on finding the Propoſal, formerly made, for the Introduction of ſuch Coin into this Colony, is likely to be carried into Execution, and the Obligations we are under to his Majeſty's Miniſter for giving ſuch earneſt Attention to the Views of the Colony in this Reſpect; aſſuring his Lordſhip that we entirely approve the Scheme, which the Earl of *Hillſborough* hath been pleaſed to recommend, and that we wish to adopt it, in every Part.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty, and in the tenth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, as reſpects Copper Coin, ought to be amended, and adapted to the Terms now propoſed, for iſſuing and circulating Copper Money in this Colony.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* and Mr *John Page* do wait upon his Excellency with the firſt Reſolution.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 641.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution; and that Mr *Treaſurer* and Mr *John Page* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, bond or free;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill to permit certain Perſons, therein mentioned, to erect Gates, acroſs the public Roads, leading through their Lands, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe. 190

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

The other *Orders* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees, appointed to carry into Execution an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[2] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Public Claims be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further regulating the Practice of Attornies; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for clearing* Mattapony *River*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act for clearing* Mattapony *River*.

Ordered, That Mr *Aylett* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to compel Ships importing Convicts, Servants, or Slaves infected with the Gaol Fever, or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Nelſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the public Priſon, for the Maintenance of poor Priſoners for Debt, and Runaways; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday

1 Hening, VI, p. 194. 2 Ibid. VIII, p. 556. 3 Ibid. VI, p. 394. 4 Ibid. VIII, p. 570.

Wednesday, the 1st of April. 12 George. III. 1772.

MR *Bland* reported from the Committee, who were appointed to enquire into the Circumſtances of the Affairs of the late Treaſurer, and to report the State thereof, with their Opinion by what Means the Money due from him to the Public may be ſecured, that the Committee had conſidered the Matter referred to them, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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It appears to your *Committee*, from a Liſt of Debts laid before them by the Adminiſtrators of the late Treaſurer, that there is due, at this Time, to his Eſtate, from different Perſons, the Sum of one hundred and nine thouſand and ſixty-three Pounds twelve Shillings and three pence, of which your Committee believe the Sum of twenty-two thouſand one hundred and ſeventy Pounds eight Shillings and nine Pence will be entirely loſt, but, from the beſt Information they could receive, they are of Opinion, that the Reſidue of the Debts, amounting to eighty-ſix thouſand eight hundred and ninety-three Pounds three Shillings and ſix pence, will prove good, though it is uncertain in what Time the Adminiſtrators will be able to collect the ſame.

It further appears to your *Committee*, that many Suits have been commenced, and Judgments obtained, for different Balances; that ſeveral Perſons Eſtates have been ſold, and Bonds taken, ſome of which remain unpaid. Upon the whole, it appears to your Committee, that the Adminiſtrators, conſidering the complicated and perplexed Situation of their Inteſtate's Affairs, have uſed every prudent Meaſure to ſecure and get in the Debts due to the Eſtate, and your Committee are of Opinion, that they ought to continue their Endeavors to have all the Accounts finally cloſed, and enforce the moſt expeditious Payments of the ſeveral Balances, which are ſtill due.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops on ſundry Rivers, therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners for ſelling the Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſes at *Morton's*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Alexander* and Mr *Yelverton Peyton*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the firſt Reſolution of the Committee of Public Claims, which, upon *Thurſday* laſt, was reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee appointed upon *Friday*, the twentieth Day of laſt Month, to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave, with all Humility, to approach your Royal Preſence.*

The many Inſtances of your Majeſty's benevolent Intentions and moſt gracious Diſpoſition

[1] Hening, VII, p. 590.

poſition to promote the Proſperity and Happineſs of your Subjects in the Colonies, encourage us to look up to the Throne, and implore your Majeſty's paternal Aſſiſtance in averting a Calamity of a moſt alarming Nature.

The Importation of Slaves into the Colonies from the Coaſt of Africa *hath long been conſidered as a Trade of great Inhumanity, and, under its preſent Encouragement, we have too much Reaſon to fear will endanger the very Exiſtance of your Majeſty's* American *Dominions.*

We are ſenſible that ſome of your Majeſty's Subjects in Great-Britain *may reap Emoluments from this Sort of Traffic, but when we conſider that it greatly retards the Settlement of the Colonies, with more uſeful Inhabitants, and may, in Time, have the moſt deſtructive Influence, we preſume to hope that the Intereſt of a few will be diſregarded when placed in Competition with the Security and Happineſs of ſuch Numbers of your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects.*

Deeply impreſſed with theſe Sentiments, we moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty to remove all thoſe Reſtraints on your Majeſty's Governors of this Colony, which inhibit their aſſenting to ſuch Laws as might check ſo very pernicious a Commerce.

Your Majeſty's antient Colony and Dominion of Virginia *hath, at all Times, and upon every Occaſion, been entirely devoted to your Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, and we cannot forego this Opportunity of renewing thoſe Aſſurances of the trueſt Loyalty, and warmeſt Affection, which we have ſo often, with the greateſt Sincerity, given to the beſt of Kings, whoſe Wiſdom and Goodneſs we eſteem the ſureſt Pledges of the Happineſs of all his People.*

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty. 132

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, to deſire that he will be pleaſed to tranſmit the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and to ſupport it in ſuch Manner as he ſhall think moſt likely to promote the deſirable End propoſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to the Governor by the Gentlemen who drew up the Addreſs to his Majeſty.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, reſpecting the Currency of Copper Money, in this Colony; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, to explain and amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to explain and amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh.*

Ordered, That Mr *Marſhall* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Carr*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Watkins*, Mr *Mitchell*, and Mr *Henry Pendleton*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom ſeveral Petitions were referred, that the Committee had examined the Matters of the ſaid Petitions, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Prince George*, and others, praying that new Warehouſes, for

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 361. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 581.

for the Inſpection of Tobacco, may be eſtabliſhed on the Lots of *Robert Bolling*, adjoining *Davis's* Landing, in the Town of *Blandford*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Dinwiddie*, and others, praying that new Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Robert Bolling*, at *Cedar Point*, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for reducing the Salaries of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Robert Bolling's*, *Bollingbrooke*, *Blandford*, and *Boyd's* Warehouſes, ten Pounds each.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal ſo much of the Act, made in the fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, as eſtabliſhes a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, in the County of *Amherſt*, over the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, oppoſite thereto, in the County of *Bedford;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

133 A *Bill* to eſtabliſh a Town on the Land of *John Rictor*, in the County of *Fauquier*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, and Mr *Francis Peyton*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for reſtraining Hogs from going at Large in the Town of *Leeſburg*, in the County of *Loudoun*.

A *Bill* for appointing Truſtees for the Town of *Cobham*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover* and *Louiſa*, and of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of* Saint Martin, *in the Counties of* Hanover *and* Louiſa, *and of* Saint John, *in the County of* King William.

Ordered, That Mr *Aylett* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Method of ſuing out Writs of *Alias Capias*, in the County Courts, for altering *Loudoun* Court Day, and for other Purpoſes; and that Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Francis Peyton*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over Tomorrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees, appointed to carry into Execution an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[3] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 318 [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 607. [3] Ibid, p. 556.

made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Bland* accordingly reported from the ſaid Committee the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Public Claims be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 2nd of April, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Marſhall* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to aſcertain the Value of certain Churches and Chapels in the Pariſhes of *Frederick*, *Norborne*, and *Beckford*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe. 134

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of the Allowances, to be made to the Witneſſes who attended the Commiſſioners, to be examined touching the Matter of the Petition of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Pettus*, to ſerve as Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, that the Committee had ſtated an Account accordingly; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the Account was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

	Pounds of Nett Tobacco.
To *David Garland*, Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, for ſummoning ſeventy Witneſſes on Behalf of the ſaid *Blagrave*.	490
To the ſaid *Garland*, for ſummoning thirty-eight Witneſſes, on Behalf of the ſaid *Pettus*,	266
To *Sion Spencer*, Sheriff of *Charlotte* County, for ſummoning five Witneſſes, on Behalf of the ſaid *Pettus*.	35

Ordered

1 Hening, V, p. 515.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Allowances be entered in the Book of Public Claims, by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowances* were entered accordingly.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that two hundred and eighty ſeven Pounds of Tobacco, the Sheriff's Fees for ſummoning forty-one Witneſſes, on Behalf of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, be levied upon him, it appearing that he admitted the Voters, with reſpect to whoſe Freeholds the ſaid Witneſſes were examined, to be duly qualified;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Allowance of the ſaid two hundred and eighty-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco to the County of *Lunenburg*, to be levied upon the ſaid *Henry Blagrave*, be entered in the Book of Public Claims, by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that one hundred and nineteen Pounds of Tobacco, the Sheriff's Fees for ſummoning ſeventeen Witneſſes, on Behalf of Mr *Thomas Pettus*, be levied upon him, it appearing that he admitted the Voters, with reſpect to whoſe Freeholds the ſaid Witneſſes were examined, to be duly qualified;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

135 *Ordered*, That the Allowance of the ſaid one hundred and nineteen Pounds of Tobacco, to the County of *Lunenburg*, to be levied upon the ſaid *Thomas Pettus*, be entered in the Book of Public Claims, by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom it was referred to ſtate an Account of the Allowances to be made to the Witneſſes, who attended the Committee for Religion, upon the hearing of the Petitions of ſeveral Perſons of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and the Petition of the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, that the Committee had ſtated an Account accordingly, and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Account was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Witneſſes.	Attendance.	Diſtance.	Pounds of Nett Tobacco.
John Watkins,	2 Days,	40 Miles	252
Bernard Powers,	2	40	252
Holt Richeſon,	4	30	342
William Peters Martin,	3		182
Iſaac Quarles,	4	40	372
John Roane,	5	45	447
			1847

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Allowances be entered in the Book of Public Claims, by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowances* were entered accordingly.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid one thouſand eight hundred and forty-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco be levied on the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William;*

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Allowance of the ſaid one thouſand eight hundred and forty-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco to the ſaid County of *King William*, to be levied upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint John*, be entered in the Book of Public Claims, by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

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Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of *Saint Martin*, in the Counties of *Hanover*, and *Louiſa*, and of *Saint John*, in the County of *King William*, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for making further Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to amend an Act, intituled an Act for clearing *Mattapony* River, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Blackwell*, the younger, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Hancock* is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands, and Slaves, in Lieu thereof, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] to amend an Act intituled An Act concerning Seamen, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid *Amendment* into Conſideration.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 14, after "*Churchwardens*" inſert "*or either of them.*"

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe. 156

Ordered, That Mr *Hutchings* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr *Nelſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, in *William Roane*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Hardy* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Thornton*, and Mr *Taliaferro*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the End of this Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[7] *directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and* Indians, *bond or free.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their further Conſideration the Book of Public Claims;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Petition of Mr *Thomas Pettus*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 607. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 594. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 579. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 641.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 635. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 523. [7] Ibid, VI, p. 104.

Your *Committee* take Leave to obſerve, in the firſt Place, that the ſitting Member did not appear before them, either in Perſon, or by his Counſel; whereupon your Committee proceeded to conſider the material Depoſitions taken and returned, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, from whence it appears, by the Evidence of one *James Johnſon*, an Ordinary Keeper, in the County of *Lunenburg*, that on the Day of the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County, before the Poll was opened, Mr *Blagrave* applied to him, and told him if any Perſons wanted Drams to let them have them, which he accordingly did, to the Value of twenty Shillings, or thereabouts, and for which he expects to receive Satiſfaction; but that Mr *Blagrave* did not ſolicit his Vote or Intereſt; that he heard one *Joſeph Smith*, alſo an Ordinary Keeper, in the ſaid County, ſay that he treated for Mr *Blagrave* on the Day of the ſaid Election, but he did not declare whether by Mr *Blagrave's* Directions or not. It alſo appears, from the Evidence of *Thomas Garrett*, that about a Fortnight before the laſt Election for the ſaid County of *Lunenburg*, he loſt his Pocket Book, and one *Chriſtopher Maconico* engaged to give him another, of the Value of five Shillings, provided he would vote for Mr *Blagrave* at the enſuing Election; in Conſideration whereof he did vote for Mr *Blagrave*, and has ſince received the Book; that he thinks he ſhould not have voted for him without ſuch Promiſe, and that on the Morning of the Day of Election, and before the Poll was opened, Mr *Blagrave* came to him, and carried him to the Ordinary Door, into which he entered, and there drank plentifully of Wine, and was told by one *Joſeph Smith*, the Ordinary Keeper, that he was partaking of Mr *Blagrave's* Treat. *It alſo* appears to your Committee, by the Evidence of the ſaid *Chriſtopher Maconico*, that ſome Time before the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for *Lunenburg* County, he being at the Houſe of Mr *Thomas Garrett*, complaining of the Loſs of his Pocket Book, he told him if he would vote for Mr *Blagrave* he would give him another, to which *Garrett* agreed, and at the Election performed his Promiſe; that ſome Time after the ſaid *Garrett* applied for the Pocket Book, and *Maconico* gave him an old *Scotch* Almanack, of leſs than four pence Value, as it was not agreed that the Book ſhould be of any particular Value; that he never expects any Satiſfaction for it; that in Conference with the ſaid *Garrett*, at the Courthouſe, the ſaid *Garrett* informed him there were two Things he had ſworn before Mr *Abraham Maury*, which were wrong, *viz.* the ſaying the Pocket Book was to be of five Shillings Value, and that he did not vote for Mr *Blagrave* in Conſideration thereof. It further appears to your Committee, by the Evidence of one *John White*, that on the Day of the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for the County of *Lunenburg*, the ſaid *White* meeting Mr *Blagrave*
137 between *James Johnſon's* Ordinary and *Smith's* Ordinary, after the uſual Compliments of Salutation had paſſed, Mr *Blagrave* ſaid to him, "You don't drink Toddy; come along with me, and we will try to get a Dram"; whereupon they went together into the ſaid *Smith's* Ordinary, and Mr *Blagrave* called to the ſaid *Smith*, who produced some Rum in a Tumbler, but that he was in no Wiſe induced thereby to vote for Mr *Blagrave*.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Mr *Thomas Pettus* has fully made good his charge againſt the ſaid Mr *Henry Blagrave*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſaid Mr *Henry Blagrave* is not duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to Order a new Writ to Iſſue, for the electing of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, in the Room of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, whoſe Election is declared void; and that Mr *Claiborne* do wait upon his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

A *Bill* to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

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Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for appointing Truſtees to regulate the making of Slopes, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, in the Mill Dams, within the County of *Bedford*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

And the Houſe being informed, that ſome other Amendments are neceſſary to be made to the ſaid Bill;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Alexander* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners, for ſelling the Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſe at *Morton's* was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs, in *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was recommitted, that the Committee had made ſeveral other Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with ſeveral Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Rutherford* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Philip Hand* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your *Committee*, by the Information of Mr *Rutherford* (a Member of the Houſe) and others (the Petitioner himſelf being unable to attend) that the ſaid *Philip Hand* is very aged and infirm; that he has been in the Service of the Country, as 138
ſet forth in his Petition, and that one of his Arms is greatly diſabled, and much ſcarified, which he affirms was occaſioned by a Wound he received in the Service; that by his extreme Poverty, and enfeebled State, it was very difficult for him to get a proper certificate of his Caſe, from the late Surgeon of the Regiment, in which he ſerved; and, in the mean Time, muſt ſuffer the Miſeries incident to his diſtreſſed Circumſtances.

Whereupon your *Committee* came to the following Reſolution.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Sum of ſix Pounds be paid to *Philip Hand*, for his preſent Relief, and the Sum of five Pounds, *per Annum*, during his Life.

Ordered, That Mr *Rutherford* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* be added to the Gentlemen, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for regulating the Method of ſuing out Writs of *Alias Capias*, in the County Courts, for altering *Loudoun* Court Day, and for other Purpoſes.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill, that they do make Proviſion therein for altering the Court Day of the County of *Pittſylvania*.

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An engroſſed *Bill*, for further continuing the Acts, for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, was read the third Time.

An engroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the ſaid Bill, by Way of Ryder, for exempting the diſſenting Proteſtants, called *Menoniſts*, from performing Military Duty.

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, to be made Part of the Bill by Way of Ryder.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for further continuing and amending the Acts, for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[3] *for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful hunting*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Cary*, Mr *Waſhington*, and Mr *Henry Lee*.

A *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in *Spotſylvania* County, to ſell Part of the Church Yard within the Town of *Frederickſburg*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 3rd of April. 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Harriſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape *Henry*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

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Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Adams* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Calwell Pettypool* and *Mary* his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, for Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Adams*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *DuVal*, Mr *Carrington*, and Mr *Claiborne*.

Mr *Bland* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs, of *Friday* the 27th of laſt Month (that the Governor will be pleaſed to order the Court of the County of *Spotſylvania* to be adjourned to, and held at, ſome Place in or near the Centre of the County) had been preſented to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that the Addreſs relates to a Queſtion of pure Prerogative, and that he would conſider of it, and ſend an Anſwer to the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* to exempt certain Counties from the Regulations of an Act, for continuing and amending the Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

An engroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the ſaid Bill, by Way of Ryder, relating to Officers Fees which were due before the 20th Day of *January* laſt.

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of Ryder.

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[1] Not recorded as a law. [2] Hening, VI, p. 33. [3] Ibid, V, p. 60. [4] Ibid V, p. 38.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to except certain Counties out of an Act, for continuing and amending the Act, intituled an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *William Cabell* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made upon *Friday* the 20th Day of laſt Month, that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was upon that Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Lands, on both Sides of *James* River, from *Weſtham* to the navigable Water, below the Falls of the ſaid River, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for opening and extending the Navigation of the River *Potowmack*, from Fort *Cumberland*, to Tide Water; and that Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Francis Peyton*, Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Marſhall*, Mr *Scott*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Alexander*, and Mr *Yelverton Peyton*, do prepare and bring in the ſame. 149

Mr *Treaſurer* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of *Tueſday* laſt, concerning the Earl of *Hillſborough's* Letter on the Subject of Copper Money, had been preſented to his Excellency the Governor, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would tranſmit the Addreſs to Lord *Hillſborough*, and endeavor to forward the Wiſhes of the Houſe therein expreſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour; and that Mr *Cary*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Bolling*, and Mr *Eyre*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *William Todd*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* William Todd, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported from the Committee for Religion, to whom the Bill for dividing the Pariſhes of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[4] *for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and*

[1] Not recorded as a law. [2] Hening, VII, p. 570. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 631. [4] Ibid, VII, p. 570.

and Turpentine, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Bill* to repeal ſo much of the Act, made in the fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, as eſtabliſhes a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, in the County of *Amherſt*, over the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, oppoſite thereto, in the County of *Bedford*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Carrington*, and M^r *Bowyer*.

A *Bill* to allow the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, the ſame Salary as other Miniſters are intitled to receive, under an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the 22^d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[1] *for the Support of the Clergy, and for the regular collecting the Pariſh Levies*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was read the third Time.

141 *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to continue an Act, intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts, made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act.*

Ordered, That M^r *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for dividing the County of *Botetourt* into two diſtinct Counties, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The *Orders* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[4] *directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, bond or free.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[5] *preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein.*

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Public Claims be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

An engroſſed *Bill* to enable the *Nottoway* Indians to leaſe certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[6] *to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to leaſe certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That M^r *Gray* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the public Priſon, for the Maintenance of poor Priſoners for Debt, and Runaways, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M^r *Bland*, M^r *Nelſon*, M^r *Cary*, M^r *Carrington*, and M^r *Bowyer*.

An engroſſed *Bill* to appoint Commiſſioners to view a Place propoſed for a Road through the *South* Mountains, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[7] *to appoint Commiſſioners to view a Place propoſed for a Road through the* South *Mountain*.

Ordered, That M^r *Lewis* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to amend the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly reſpecting the Currency of Copper Money, in this Colony, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 88. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 335. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 529. [4] Ibid, VI. p. 104.
[5] Ibid, V, p. 515. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 588. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 552.

An engroſſed *Bill* to permit certain Perſons, therein mentioned, to erect Gates acroſs the public Roads, leading through their Lands, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to permit certain Perſons, therein mentioned, to erect Gates acroſs the public Roads, leading through their Lands.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful Hunting*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to compel Ships, importing Convicts, Servants, or Slaves, infected with the Gaol Fever, or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to compel Ships, importing Convicts, Servants, or Slaves, infected with the Gaol Fever, or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to veſt certain entailed Lands, whereof *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, in *William Roane*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Brooke*, Mr *Corbin*, Mr *Aylett*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Berkeley*, and Mr *Montague*.

An engroſſed *Bill* to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees, appointed to carry into Execution an Act, paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act*[4] *for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg, was read the third Time.

An engroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the ſaid Bill, by Way of Ryder, for exempting certain Perſons from contributing towards the Expence of erecting Bridges over the ſaid Canal.

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe to be made part of the Bill, by Way of Ryder.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees, appointed to carry into Execution an Act, paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled An Act for cutting a navigable Canal from* Archer's Hope *Creek to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City of* Williamſburg.

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Carrington* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal ſo much of the Act, made in the fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, as eſtabliſhes a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, in the County of *Amherſt*, over the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, oppoſite thereto, in the County of *Bedford*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on ſundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

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1 Not recorded as a law. 2 Hening, V, p. 60. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 537. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 556.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 562. 6 Ibid, VII, p. 590.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be; *An Act*[1] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act to amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on ſundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

143 *Ordered*, That Mr *John Jones* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for appointing Truſtees for the Town of *Cobham*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for appointing Truſtees for the Town of* Cobham, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners to aſcertain the Value of certain Churches and Chapels, in the Pariſhes of *Frederick*, *Norborne*, and *Beckford*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for appointing Commiſſioners to aſcertain the Value of certain Churches and Chapels, in the Pariſhes of* Frederick, Norborne, *and* Beckford, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners for ſelling the Tobacco, damaged in the public Warehouſe at *Morton's*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *for appointing Commiſſioners for ſelling the Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſe, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at* Morton's, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 4th of April, 12 George III. 1772.

AN engroſſed *Bill* for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Lands on both Sides of *James* River, from *Weſtham* to the navigable Water, below the Falls of the ſaid River, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for opening the Falls of* James *River by Subſcription, and for other Purpoſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Eyre* reported from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Mr *Thomſon Maſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for regulating the Method of ſuing out Writs of *Alias Capias*, in the County Courts, for altering *Loudoun* Court Day, and for other Purpoſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

144 *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 583. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 617. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 623. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 626.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p, 564.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Francis Peyton*, and Mr *Carrington*.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of *William Aylett* had been referred, and to whom the Report of the ſaid Committee thereupon was recommitted, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid petition, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition, as prays that the Petitioner may be at Liberty to give up the Warehouſes in *King William* County, of which he is Proprietor, to the Public, and that he may be paid for the ſame by the Public, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying ſuch other Relief as the Houſe ſhall think fit to grant, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Nelſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, in *William Roane*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

The *Orders* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill, to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Trial of Slaves, committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and* Indians, *bond or free.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[3] *preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein.*

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Public Claims be further adjourned till *Monday* next.

Reſolved, That ſeventy-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco be allowed to *David Garland*, Sheriff of the County of *Lunenburg*, for ſummoning eleven Witneſſes, to be examined before Commiſſioners, touching the Matter of the Petition of Mr *Thomas Pettus*, complaining of an undue Election of Mr *Henry Blagrave*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County, on Behalf of Mr *Blagrave*.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 318. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 104. [3] Ibid, V, p. 515.

Ordered, That the ſaid Allowance be entered in the Book of Public Claims, by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid ſeventy-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco be levied upon the ſaid *Henry Blagrave;*

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Allowance of the ſaid ſeventy-ſeven Pounds of Tobacco to the County of *Lunenburg*, to be levied upon the ſaid *Henry Blagrave*, be entered in the Book of Public Claims by the Clerk.

And the ſaid *Allowance* was entered accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 6th of April, George III. 1772.

ORDERED, That Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Brooke*, and Mr *Holt*, be added to the Committee, who are appointed to examine the enrolled Bills.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Acts for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Book of Public Claims.

And the *Reſidue* of the ſaid Book was read.

And ſeveral *Claims* were added to the Book, by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Book of Public Claims do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Book of Public Claims to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to repeal ſo much of the Act made in the fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign as eſtabliſhes a Ferry from the Land of *Cornelius Thomas*, in the County of *Amherſt*, over the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, oppoſite thereto, in the County of *Bedford*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing others, and for other Purpoſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Thomſon Maſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for opening and extending the Navigation of the River *Potowmack*, from Fort *Cumberland* to Tide Water; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom
146 the Bill for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the public Priſon for the Maintenance of poor Priſoners, for Debt, and Runaways, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were

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[1] *See* Hening, VIII, p. 554.

were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor, by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

I am commanded by his Excellency the Governor, to deliver to this Houſe a written Meſſage, in Anſwer to their Addreſs, that he would be pleaſed to order the Court of the County of Spotſylvania *to be adjourned to, and held at, ſome Place in or near the Centre of the County.*

The ſaid *Meſſage* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*,

I have maturely conſidered your Addreſs, and from every Information, which I have been able to procure, it does not appear to me, that the Removal of the Court-Houſe of Spotſylvania *County would be attended with any Benefit, but, on the contrary, that it is for the moſt general Advantage of the Inhabitants that it remain where it is at preſent.*

Mr *Thomſon Maſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for regulating the Method of ſuing out Writs of *Alias Capias*, in the County Courts, for altering *Loudoun* Court Day, and for other Purpoſes, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to continue an Act, intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts, made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] to compel Ships, importing Convicts, Servants, or Slaves, infected with the Gaol Fever, or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to appoint Commiſſioners to view a Place propoſed for a Road through the South Mountain, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Todd*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to explain and amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] for appointing Truſtees for the Town of *Cobham*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[7] for appointing Commiſſioners, for ſelling the Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſe, for Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Morton's*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[8] for appointing Commiſſioners to aſcertain the Value of certain Churches and Chapels, in the Pariſhes of *Frederick*, *Norborne*, and *Beckford*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo*,

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 529. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 537. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 552. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 631.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 581. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 617. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 626 [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 623.

147 *The Council have agreed to the* Reſolve *for paying an Annuity to* John Burton; *and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to enable the *Nottoway* Indians to leaſe certain lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration.

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 24, after "*Lie*" inſert "*ſhall be.*"

Line 42, after "*Plant*" inſert "*incloſe with good Fences, and cultivate.*"

The ſaid *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Gray* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Thomſon Maſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to eſtabliſh a Town on the Land of *John Rictor*, in the County of *Fauquier*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs, in *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs, in* Auguſta, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That the Sum of fifty Pounds be paid, by the Treaſurer of this Colony, out of the Public Money in his Hands, to each of the Members of the Committee appointed by Law for examining the Treaſurer's Accounts, and burning the Treaſury Notes.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for dividing the Pariſhes of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for dividing the Pariſhes of* Southam, *in the County of* Cumberland, *and* Dale, *in the County of* Cheſterfield.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for calling in and ſinking the old Treaſury Notes, now in Circulation; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The other *Orders* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[4] *directing the Trial of Slaves, committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, bond or free.*

148 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[5] *preſcribing the Method of*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 588. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 546. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 603. [4] Ibid, VI, p. 104.
[5] Ibid, V, p. 315.

of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein.

An engroſſed *Bill* to empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in *Spotſylvania* County, to ſell Part of the Church Yard, within the Town of *Frederickſburg*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Saint George, *in* Spotſylvania, *to ſell Part of the Church Yard.*

Ordered, That Mr *Mann Page* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages, in Money, for the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 7th of April, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Carrington* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Colwell Pettypool* and *Mary* his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, for Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape *Henry* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape* Henry.

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to eſtabliſh a Juriſdiction for ſuperintending the Conduct of the Clergy; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in *Spotſylvania*, to ſell part of the Church Yard, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] for further continuing and amending the Acts, for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo,* 149

The Council have agreed to the Book of Public Claims.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 609. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 536. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 539. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 609.
5 Not recorded as a law.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Book of Public Claims to the Governor and desire his Excellency's Assent thereunto.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till the End of this Session of General Assembly.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Trial of Slaves, committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Insurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, bond or free.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Bland* accordingly reported from the said Committee the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act* [3]*prescribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein.*

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[4] *for further continuing and amending the Acts, for better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*

And the said *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 14, after '*notwithstanding,*' insert '*and whereas, in the said first recited Act, it is enacted, that the Commanding Officer, presiding at any Court Martial, shall administer the Oath to the other Members of the Court; but no provision is therein made, and Directions given, for swearing the presiding Officer:* Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, *that any Field Officer, then present, shall first administer the Oath to the Commanding Officer, who shall afterwards administer the Oath to the rest of the Officers of the Court. And whereas, by the Act made in the third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled* An Act[5] for amending, and further continuing the Act, for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia, *all his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, within this Colony, who have qualified themselves for their Offices, by taking the Oaths by Law appointed to be taken by Justices of the Peace, and who are really and* bona fide *acting Justices of their respective Counties, are to be free and exempt from appearing or mustering, either at the private, or General Musters, which Exemption is found, by Experience, to be extremely injurious and detrimental*

[1] Hening, VI, p. 33. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 104. [3] Ibid, V, p. 515. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 503.
[5] Ibid, VII, p. 534.

mental to the forming a regular and uſeful Militia, by withdrawing from the Service a Body of Men, who are beſt qualified to execute the Commands of Captain, Lieutenant, or Enſign: Be it therefore enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, that ſo much of the ſaid laſt recited Act, *as relates to the Exemption of the Juſtices of the Peace from muſtering, be, and the ſame is hereby declared to be repealed, and made void.*'

Line 26 after '*Amherſt,*' inſert '*Culpeper.*'

Line 35, leave out '*Menoniſts,*' and inſert '*Mennonites,*' inſtead thereof.

Line 40, leave out '*Menoniſts,*' and inſert '*Mennonites,*' inſtead thereof.

The firſt of the ſaid *Amendments* being read a ſecond Time;

The following *Amendments* were propoſed to be made thereunto:

After the Words '*Field Officer,*' to inſert the Words '*or Captain.*'

To Leave out the Words, '*And whereas, by the Act made in the third Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled* An Act[1] for amending, and further continuing the Act, for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, *all his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, within this Colony, who have qualified themſelves for their Offices, by taking the Oaths by Law appointed to be taken by Juſtices of the Peace, and who are really and bona fide acting Juſtices of their reſpective Counties, are to be free and exempt from appearing or muſtering, either at the private, or General Muſters; which Exemption is found, by Experience, to be extremely injurious and detrimental to the forming a regular and uſeful Militia, by withdrawing from the Service a Body of Men, who are beſt qualified to execute the Commands of Captain, Lieutenant, or Enſign: Be it therefore enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, that ſo much of the ſaid laſt recited Act, as relates to the Exemption of Juſtices of the Peace from muſtering, be, and the ſame is hereby declared to be repealed, and made void.*'

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the ſaid *Amendment*, thus amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The next *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

The reſt of the *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That M[r] *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe doth agree to the firſt of the ſaid Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, with ſome Amendments to the ſaid firſt Amendment, to which Amendments to the Amendment this Houſe doth deſire the Concurrence of the Council; and that this Houſe doth diſagree to the ſecond of the ſaid Amendments, and hath agreed to the reſt of them.

A *Bill* to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to M[r] *Cary*, M[r] *Harriſon*, M[r] *Waſhington*, and M[r] *Bolling*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 8th of April, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Harriſon* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs, of *Wedneſday* laſt, that the Governor would be pleaſed to tranſmit the Addreſs of this Houſe to his Majeſty, and to ſupport it in ſuch Manner as he ſhould think moſt likely to promote the deſirable End propoſed, had been preſented to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would tranſmit the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and uſe his Endeavours that the Wiſhes of the Houſe ſhould be accompliſhed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly reſpecting the Currency of Copper Money in this Colony, was read the third Time.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VII, p. 534. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 511.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act*[1] *to amend the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly reſpecting the Currency of Copper Money in this Colony.*

161 *Ordered*, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to proportion the Public Levy.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Cary*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor* and Mr *Hardy*.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for clearing a Road from the Warm Springs,in *Auguſta*,and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] for dividing the Pariſhes of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] for opening the Falls of *James* River, by Subſcription, and for other Purpoſes, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] for appointing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing others, and for other Purpoſes, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to the Committee for examining the Treaſurer's Accounts, and burning the Treaſury Notes; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to* Philip Hand.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[7] *for opening the Falls of* James *River, by Subſcription, and for other Purpoſes.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Page 2, Line 43, leave out "*two Shillings,*" and inſert "*one Shilling,*" inſtead thereof.

Line 45, leave out "*half Penny.*"

Page 3, Line 28, after "*Aſſigns*" inſert '*provided nevertheleſs, that every Veſſel, returning up the ſaid Canal, after having delivered her Load below, ſhall be exempt from paying any Toll, except for Goods or Merchandizes ſuch Veſſel ſhall then have on Board.*'

Page 4, Line 3, after '*River*' inſert '*ſo far as they may be damaged by the Canal.*'

Line 4, after '*valued*' inſert '*and the Bounds thereof deſcribed and aſcertained.*'

Line 7, after '*erected*' inſert '*provided always, that if it ſhould appear, that the Damage done to any Perſon's Land, through which the ſaid Canal ſhall be cut, was not conſidered in ſuch Valuation, the Owner of ſuch Lands may, by applying to the ſaid Court, procure the ſame to be reviewed, and ſuch damage to be eſtimated, in the ſame Manner as is herein before preſcribed, and ſhall be entitled to receive and recover ſuch new Valuation from the ſaid Truſtees, and ſhall, in the ſame Manner, have the like further Remedy, as often as any new Damage ſhall ariſe, not before conſidered and valued.*'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 534. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 536. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 546. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 603.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 564. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 554. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 564.

cil to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing others, and for other Purpoſes.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Page 2, Line 22, leave out from '*expedient*' to the End of the Bill.

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them that this Houſe doth diſagree to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and doth deſire that they will paſs the ſame, without the ſaid Amendment; and that Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Meſſage. 152

An engroſſed *Bill* to allow the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, the ſame Salary as other Miniſters are intitled to receive, under an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the 22d Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act*[2] *for the Support of the Clergy, and for the regular collecting the Pariſh Levies*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to allow the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Antrim, *in the County of* Halifax, *the ſame Salary as other Miniſters are intitled to receive.*

Ordered, That Mr Treaſurer do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for dividing the County of *Botetourt* into two diſtinct Counties, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *for dividing the County of* Botetourt *into two diſtinct Counties.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, in *William Roane*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *to veſt certain intailed Lands, whereof* Philip Ludwell Grymes, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, in* William Roane, *Gentleman, in Fee Simple.*

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *for the better preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful hunting*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[7] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act for the better preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful hunting.*

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to continue and amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[8] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[9] *to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[10] *to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of* Alexandria, *in the County of* Fairfax.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for opening and extending the Navigation of the River *Potowmack*, from Fort *Cumberland* to Tide Water, was read the third Time.

Reſolved

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 554. 2 Ibid, VI, p. 88. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 610. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 600.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 630. 6 Ibid, V, p. 60. 7 Ibid, VIII, p. 591. 8 Ibid, VIII, p. 318.
9 Ibid, VIII, p. 507. 10 Ibid, VIII, p. 613.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for opening and extending the Navigation of the River* Potowmack, *from Fort* Cumberland *to Tide Water.*

153 *Ordered*, That Mr *Thomſon Maſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do agree to the firſt Amendment, *propoſed by this Houſe, to the Council's firſt Amendment, to the Bill, intituled* An Act[2] for further continuing and amending the Acts, for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia; *but they do inſiſt on the latter Part of their ſaid firſt Amendment, diſagreed to by the Houſe, and deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto; and alſo the Council do recede from their next Amendment to the ſaid Bill, diſagreed to by this Houſe; and alſo,*

The Council do adhere to the Amendment, *by them propoſed to the Bill, intituled* An Act[3] for appointing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing others, and for other Purpoſes, *which hath been diſagreed to by this Houſe; and the Council do deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth adhere to the ſecond Amendment, made by the Houſe, to the firſt Amendment, propoſed by the Council, to the Bill intituled *An Act*[4] *for further continuing and amending the Acts, for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them that this Houſe doth adhere to their ſaid Amendment to the Amendment; and that Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth adhere to their diſagreement to the Amendment, propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[5] *for appointing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing others, and for other Purpoſes.*

An engroſſed *Bill* for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the public Priſon, for the Maintenance of poor Priſoners for Debt, and Runaways, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[6] *for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the public Priſon, for the Maintenance of poor Priſoners for Debt, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing others; and that Mr *Carrington*, and Mr *Bland*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill* to eſtabliſh a Town on the Land of *John Rictor*, in the County of *Fauquier*, was read the third Time.

An engroſſed *Clauſe*, was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of Ryder, for eſtabliſhing a Town at the Falls of *Potowmack*, in the County of *Fairfax.*

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of Ryder.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[7] *to eſtabliſh a Town on the Land of* John Rictor, *in the County of* Fauquier, *and for other Purpoſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Marſhall* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* for further continuing the Acts, for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair, was read the third Time.

154 *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[8] *to revive and continue the Acts for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair.*

Ordered

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 570. 2 Ibid, VII, p. 534. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 554. 4 Ibid, VII, p. 534.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 554. 6 Ibid, VIII, p. 527. 7 Ibid, VIII, p. 621. 8 Ibid, VIII, p. 542.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *prescribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein.*

An engrossed *Bill* for regulating the Method of suing out Writs of *Alias Capias*, in the County Courts, for altering *Loudoun* Court Day, and for other Purposes, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for altering the Method of suing out Writs of* Alias Capias, *and other Process, in the County Courts, for regulating certain Expences on Attachments, and Writs of Execution, and for altering the Court Days of certain Counties.*

Ordered, That Mr *Thomson Mason* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for calling in and sinking the old Treasury Notes now in Circulation, was read a second Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape *Henry, without any Amendment; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to amend the several Acts of Assembly, respecting the Currency of Copper Money, in this Colony, *without any Amendment; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to vest certain intailed Lands, whereof *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Gentleman, is seised, in *William Roane*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, *without any Amendment; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] for dividing the County of *Botetourt* into two distinct Counties, *without any Amendment; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[7] to amend an Act, intituled an Act to amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on sundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, *with some Amendments, to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[8] to enlarge the Power of the Trustees appointed to carry into Execution an Act passed this present Session of Assembly, intituled an Act for cutting a navigable Canal, from *Archer's Hope* Creek to *Queen's* Creek, through or near the City of *Williamsburg, with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.*

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[9] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act to amend an Act, intituled an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on sundry Rivers, therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.* 155

And the said *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Page 1, Line 10, after '*Fork*' insert '*and Nottoway.*'

Line 32, leave out '*River*' and insert '*Rivers, and also in the River* Nomony' instead thereof.

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[1] Hening, V, p. 515. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 517. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 539. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 534.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 630. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 600. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 583. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 562.
[9] Ibid, VIII, p. 583.

Line 35, leave out '*River*' and infert '*Rivers*' inſtead thereof.

Line 38, leave out '*River*' and infert '*Rivers, or either of them*' inſtead thereof.

Line 42, leave out '*River*' and infert '*Rivers or either of them*' inſtead thereof.

Page 2, Line 6, leave out '*the ſaid River*' and infert '*either of the ſaid Rivers*' inſtead thereof.

Line 9, after '*manner*' infert "*And whereas it would be highly reaſonable to give the Proprietor of the Land a Remedy, for what he may ſuffer, either in the Charge of putting down ſuch Fiſh Dams, Hedges, or other Stops, or in the Penalty for not doing it, againſt the Perſons who have erected, or ſhall erect them, without the Conſent of ſuch Proprietors: Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that where any Proprietor of Land, ſhall, agreeably to the Directions of this Act, pull down any ſuch Fiſh Dam, Hedge, or Stops put into either of the ſaid Rivers by any other Perſon or Perſons, without the Conſent, in Writing, of ſuch Proprietor, or ſhall be compelled to pay the Penalty hereby impoſed for neglecting to put the ſame down, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Proprietor, by Action on the Caſe, to be commenced againſt ſuch other Perſon or Perſons, in any Court of Record, to recover, with Coſts of Suit, all the Charge he or ſhe may have been put to in removing ſuch Obſtructions, or, as the Caſe may be, the Penalty aforeſaid, and the Coſts, which ſhall be adjudged againſt ſuch Proprietor, upon any Proſecution againſt him, or her, for the ſame: And if any Defendant or Defendants, in ſuch Suit, upon Recovery, ſhall not pay down the Amount of the Judgment, or give Security for the Payment thereof, with Intereſt, at the End of three Months, every ſuch Defendant ſhall receive, on his bare Back, ſo many Laſhes as the Court ſhall think proper to order, not exceeding thirty nine. And upon any ſuch Bond the Obligee, his Executors, or Adminiſtrators, ſhall be entitled to the ſame Remedy on Failure of Payment, as is provided in the Caſe of Bonds given to replevy Eſtates, taken by Execution.*"

The ſaid *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them that this Houſe doth diſagree to the Amendments, by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill, and doth deſire, that they will paſs the ſame without the ſaid Amendments; and that Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

The *Houſe* proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[1] *to enlarge the Power of the Truſtees, appointed to carry into Execution an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly intituled an Act for cutting a navigable Canal, from* Archer's Hope *Creek, to* Queen's *Creek, through or near the City* of Williamſburg.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 44, *after* '*Truſtees*' *infert*, '*and ſo as often as any new Damage ſhall ariſe to any Proprietor, not before conſidered, and valued, ſuch Proprietor ſhall have the like Remedy, for recovering ſuch further Damage, from the ſaid Truſtees.*"

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr *Carrington* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing others; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Trial of Slaves, committing capital Offences, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and* Indians, *bond or free*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 562. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 104.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and Outlawries of Slaves.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Speaker* do deſire the Governor to order new Writs to iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, for the new Counties, ſo ſoon as they ſhall take Place.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[2] *directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land*, was read the third Time. 153

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to amend an Act, intituled an Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land.*

Ordered, That Mr *John Page* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Colwell Pettypool* and *Mary* his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, for Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to veſt certain Lands, whereof* Colwell Pettypool *and* Mary *his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, in* Joſeph Mayo, *and for ſettling other Land and Slaves, to be purchaſed, in Lieu thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 9th of April, 12 George III. 1772.

MR *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for appointing Truſtees to regulate the making of Slopes for the Paſſage of Fiſh, in the Mill Dams, within the County of *Bedford*, was committed, that the Committee had made ſeveral other Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A *Bill* to eſtabliſh a Juriſdiction for ſuperintending the Conduct of the Clergy, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third Time, upon the firſt Day of *May* next.

An engroſſed *Bill* for eſtabliſhing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing others, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for eſtabliſhing ſeveral Ferries, and for other Purpoſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Cary* reported, from the Committee appointed to proportion the Public Levy, that the Committee had proportioned the Public Levy accordingly, and ſtated the ſame in a Book, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he delivered the Book in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Book do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[6] *preſcribing the Method*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 522. [2] Ibid, VI, p. 33. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 526. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 643.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 554. [6] Ibid, V, p. 515.

Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

367 Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr *Bland* accordingly reported, from the ſaid Committee, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, ſome of them were diſagreed to, and the reſt were agreed to by the Houſe; and an Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the Returns of the ſeveral other Writs, for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compared the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the Writs, for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the Counties of *Amherſt*, *Buckingham*, *Eſſex*, *Hampſhire*, and *King William*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the Writs, for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Culpeper*, *Frederick*, *Henrico*, *Halifax*, *King George*, *Loudoun*, *Orange*, *Prince Edward*, *Prince William*, and *Princeſs Anne*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Returns of the Writs, for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the Counties in the laſt Reſolution mentioned, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

And the ſaid *Returns* were amended by the Clerk accordingly.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for calling in and ſinking the old Treaſury Notes, now in Circulation.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Bill be engroſſed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to allow the Miniſter of the Pariſh

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 610.

Parish of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, the same Salary as other Ministers are intitled to receive, *without any Amendment; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the Public Prison, for the Maintenance of poor Prisoners for Debt, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment; and also*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] for opening and extending the Navigation of the River *Potowmack*, from Fort *Cumberland* to Tide Water, *with an* 165
Amendment, to which Amendment the Council desire the Concurrence of this House; and also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax, with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Public Levy; and that Mr *Cary*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, and Mr *Hardy*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[4] *for opening and extending the Navigation of the River* Potowmack, *from Fort* Cumberland *to Tide Water.*

And the said *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Page 5, Line 7, after '*ever*' insert '*Provided nevertheless, that if any further Damage should arise to any Proprietor of Land, in Consequence of the opening of such Canal, than had been before considered and valued, it shall be lawful for such Proprietor, as often as any such new Damage shall happen, by Application to the Court of the County where the Land shall lie, to have such further Damages valued by a Jury, in like Manner, and to receive and recover the same of the said Trustees; and upon every such Valuation, the Jury is hereby directed to describe and ascertain the Bounds of the Lands so valued.*"

The said *Amendment* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomson Mason* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

An engrossed *Bill* for appointing Trustees to regulate the making of Slopes, for the Passage of Fish, in the Mill Dams, within the County of *Bedford*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for appointing Trustees to regulate the making of Slopes, for the Passage of Fish, in the Mill Dams, within the County of* Bedford.

Ordered, That Mr *Talbot* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[6] *to encourage the further Settlement of the Town of* Alexandria, *in the County of* Fairfax.

And the said *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 32, after '*proper*' insert "*Provided nevertheless, that no Forfeiture of any such Marsh Lots, as belong to Infants, or Persons out of the Country, shall be incurred for want of such Draining; but the Trustees shall be at Liberty to do the same, and the Guardian of such Infants, or the Attorney of such Persons not resident in the Country, shall be obliged to repay to the Trustees the Expence thereof, if so much they shall or may have in their Hands of the Estate and Effects of such Proprietors of the said Lots.*"

The said *Amendment*, being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr *Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for laying a Public Levy; and the same was received and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second Time.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 527. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 570. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 613. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 570.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 585. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 613.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend the Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to amend an Act intituled an Act preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein, and for other purpoſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Cary* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act*[3] *for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 10th of April, 12 George III. 1772.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

The *Book* of Public Proportions, which was Yeſterday ordered to lie upon the Table, was read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* for laying a Public Levy, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *for laying a Public Levy.*

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly intituled an Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour.*

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[6] to amend an Act, intituled an Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[7] for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[8] to revive and continue the Acts for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[9] for altering the Method of ſuing out Writs of *Alias Capias*, and other Proceſs, in the County Courts, for regulating certain Expences on Attachments, and Writs of Execution, and for altering the Court Days of certain Counties, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

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1 Hening, V, p. 515. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 524. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 511. 4 Ibid, VIII. p. 533.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 511. 6 Ibid, VIII, p. 526. 7 Ibid, VIII. p. 554. 8 Ibid, VIII, p. 542.
9 Ibid, VIII, p. 527.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] to veſt certain Lands, whereof *Colwell Pettypool* and *Mary* his Wife are ſeiſed in Fee Tail, in *Joſeph Mayo*, and for ſettling other Land and Slaves, to be purchaſed, in lieu thereof, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] to eſtabliſh a Town on the Land of *John Rictor*, in the County of *Fauquier*, and for other Purpoſes, *without any Amendments; and alſo,* 161

The Council do not inſiſt upon their firſt Amendment *to the Bill, intituled,* An Act[3] to amend An Act intituled An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on ſundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *diſagreed to by this Houſe, but they do inſiſt upon the ſubſequent Amendments to the ſaid Bill, diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereunto.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That this House doth recede from their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath receded from their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Speaker* do tranſmit to the Speaker of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly, of the Province of *Maryland*, a Copy of the Act for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape *Henry, and alſo* a Copy of the Act for opening and extending the Navigation of the River *Potowmack*, from Fort *Cumberland*, to Tide Water, and deſire the Aſſembly of the ſaid Province to enact Laws of the like Import.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] to amend an Act, intituled An Act for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful hunting, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[6] *to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act to continue and amend the Act intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Page 2, Line 11, leave out from '*reſpectively*,' to '*and*' in Line 13, and inſert, '*and that the Receipts of the Warehouſes, on the Lots of* Robert Bolling, *adjoining* Davis's *Landing, in the Town of* Blandford, *and on the ſaid* Bolling's *Land, at* Cedar *Point, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *ſhall paſs in all Payments where the Receipts of the Warehouſes at* Blandford *and* Bolling's *Point are payable*' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[7] *to amend an Act intituled An Act for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful Hunting.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 643. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 621. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 583. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 313.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 591. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 507. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 591.

Line 32, leave out '*four*' and infert '*fix*' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

151 *Ordered*, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Reſolved, That the Sum of eighty Pounds be paid, by the Treaſurer of this Colony, to *George Booth*, of *Glouceſter* County, for his Negro Slave *Will*, and the further Sum of ninety Pounds to *Richard Allen*, of *Warwick* County, for his Negro Slave *Jack*, which ſaid Slaves were, by the Court of the ſaid County of *Warwick*, condemned for Felony, on their producing to the ſaid Treaſurer Certificates of the Execution of the ſaid Slaves reſpectively.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[1] for laying a Public Levy, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[2] to amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, intituled An Act for the Inſpection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, as relates to the Inſpection of Flour, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[3] for appointing Truſtees, to regulate the making of Slopes, for the Paſſage of Fiſh, in the Mill Dams within the County of *Bedford*, *without any Amendment; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[4] to amend an Act intituled An Act preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein, and for other Purpoſes, *with an Amendment, to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled* An Act[5] for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and Outlawries of Slaves, *with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying ſeveral Sums of Money to* George Booth *and* Richard Allen.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[6] *to amend An Act intituled an Act preſcribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein, and for other Purpoſes.*

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 18, after '*Commiſſion,*' inſert '*And whereas the Inhabitants of this Colony are liable to be, and in many Inſtances have been, impoſed upon by the Sheriffs or Collectors of the ſeveral Counties, for want of an Account ſtated, ſeparately and diſtinctly, of the ſeveral Fees by them collected, for different Officers, and alſo a clear Account of the Quitrents, Public, County, or Pariſh Levies, which the ſaid Sheriffs, or their Deputies, often refuſe to give, and often do make Diſtreſs, if immediate Payment be not made of a Sum demanded by them in Groſs; which Practices are productive of great Inconveniences: For Remedy whereof, Be it further enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, that every Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Collector, who ſhall hereafter receive from any Perſon or Perſons any Officers Fees, Quitrents, Public, County, or Pariſh Levies, ſhall deliver to the Perſon ſo paying a fair and diſtinct Account of the ſeveral Articles, for which he ſhall receive the ſame, and alſo a Receipt for what ſhall be ſo paid him; and every Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Collector, failing herein, ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Perſon by whom ſuch Payment ſhall be made, the Sum of twenty Shillings*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 533. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 511. [3] Ibid, VIII p. 585. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 524.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 522. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 524.

Shillings, for each Offence, to be recovered, with Coſts, before any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, where ſuch Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Collector ſhall reſide, and ſuch Sheriff, or other Officer, ſhall moreover be liable, to the Party grieved, for all Damages he may ſuſtain, by Means of ſuch Officers demanding and receiving a greater Sum than ſhall be really due, to be recovered, by Action of Treſpaſs on the Caſe, before any Court of Record within this Colony, in which Action, where the Plaintiff ſhall recover, he ſhall alſo recover his full Coſts.'

The ſaid *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe. 162

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and, acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

The *Houſe* proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *An Act*[1] *for Amending the Acts concerning the Trials and Outlawries of Slaves.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 6, leave out from '*Clergy*,' to '*unleſs*,' in the next Line.

Line 19, leave out '*be firſt proved*,' and inſert '*ſhall appear*,' inſtead thereof.

Line 20, leave out, '*by the Oath of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes.*'

Line 21, after '*Miſchief*,' inſert '*or hath been outlying for the Space of ten Days.*'

The three firſt *Amendments*, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The laſt *Amendment*, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them that this Houſe doth diſagree to the laſt of the ſaid Amendments, by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and doth deſire that they will paſs the ſame, without the ſaid laſt Amendment; and that Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 11th of April, 12 George III. 1772.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council do not inſiſt upon the laſt of the Amendments, *made by them, to the Bill, intituled* An act[2] for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and outlawries of Slaves, *to which this Houſe hath diſagreed.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Digges* reported from the Committee appointed to examine the enrolled Bills, that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they are truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Digges* do carry the enrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have inſpected the enrolled Bills, and are ſatiſfied they are truly enrolled.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Blair:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately, in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Excellency, in the Council

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 522. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 522.

Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſeveral public and private Bills, and Reſolves following, *viz.*

An Act[1] *to continue and amend an act, intituled an act to continue and amend the act, intituled an act for amending the ſtaple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his Majeſty's cuſtoms.*

An act[2] *to amend ſo much of an act of Aſſembly, intituled an act for the inſpection of pork, beef, flour, tar, pitch, and turpentine, as relates to the inſpection of flour.*

An act[3] *for further continuing the act, intituled an act for reducing the ſeveral acts of Aſſembly, for making proviſion againſt invaſions and inſurrections, into one act.*

An act[4] *for further continuing and amending the act, intituled an act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[5] *to empower the clerks of county courts to iſſue certain writs of execution into other counties.*

An act[6] *for altering the method of ſuing out writs of alias capias, and other proceſs in*
163 *the county courts, for regulating certain expences and attachments, and writs of execution, and for altering the court days of certain counties.*

An act[7] *for altering the court days of the counties of Surry, Bedford, and Princeſs Anne.*

An act[8] *to amend an act, intituled an act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding.*

An act[9] *for amending the acts concerning the trials and outlawries of Slaves.*

An act[10] *to amend an act, intituled an act concerning ſeamen.*

An act[11] *to amend the act, intituled an act preſcribing the method of appointing ſheriffs, and for limiting the time of their continuance in office, and directing their duty therein, and for other purpoſes.*

An act[12] *to amend an act, intituled an act directing the duty of ſurveyors of land.*

An act[13] *for regulating the allowances to the keeper of the public priſon, for the maintenance of poor priſoners for debt, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[14] *to continue an Act, intituled an act to continue and amend an act, intituled an act for reducing the ſeveral acts, made for laying a duty upon liquors, into one act.*

An act[15] *for continuing and amending ſeveral acts, and reviving one act for laying duties upon ſlaves imported.*

An act[16] *for laying a public levy.*

An act[17] *to amend the ſeveral acts of Aſſembly reſpecting the currency of copper money in this colony.*

An act[18] *for the eaſe and relief of the people, by paying the Burgeſſes wages in money, for the preſent ſeſſion of Aſſembly.*

An act[19] *to compel ſhips, importing convicts, ſervants, or ſlaves, infected with the gaol fever, or ſmallpox, to perform quarantine.*

An act[20] *for erecting a lighthouſe on Cape Henry.*

An act[21] *to continue an act, intituled an act for eſtabliſhing pilots, and regulating their fees.*

An act[22] *to revive and continue the acts for the more effectual keeping the public roads and bridges in repair.*

An act[23] *for keeping in repair ſeveral roads, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[24] *for clearing a road from the Warm Springs, in Auguſta, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[25] *to appoint commiſſioners to view a place propoſed for a road through the South mountain.*

An act[26] *for building a bridge over the weſtern branch of Nanſemond river by ſubſcription.*

An act[27] *for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new ferries, and for other purpoſes.*

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 507. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 511. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 514. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 515.
5 Ibid, VIII, p. 516. 6 Ibid, VIII, p. 517. 7 Ibid, VIII, p. 519. 8 Ibid, VIII, p. 520.
9 Ibid, VIII, p. 522. 10 Ibid, VIII, p. 523. 11 Ibid, VIII, p. 524. 12 Ibid, VIII, p. 526.
13 Ibid, VIII, p. 527. 14 Ibid, VIII, p. 529. 15 Ibid, VIII, p. 530. 16 Ibid, VIII, p. 533.
17 Ibid, VIII, p. 534. 18 Ibid, VIII, p. 536. 19 Ibid, VIII, p. 537. 20 Ibid, VIII, p. 539.
21 Ibid, VIII, p. 542. 22 Ibid, VIII, p. 542. 23 Ibid, VIII, p. 543. 24 Ibid, VIII, p. 546.
25 Ibid, VIII, p. 552. 26 Ibid, VIII, p. 552. 27 Ibid, VIII, p. 545.

An act[1] *for cutting a navigable canal from Archer's Hope creek to Queen's creek, through or near the city of Williamſburg.*

An act[2] *to enlarge the power of the truſtees appointed to carry into execution an act, paſſed this preſent ſeſſion of Aſſembly, intituled an act for cutting a navigable canal from* Archer's *Hope creek to Queen's creek, through or near the city of Williamſburg.*

An act[3] *for opening the falls of James river, by ſubſcription, and for other purpoſes.*

An act[4] *for opening and extending the navigation of the river Potowmack, from Fort Cumberland, to tide water.*

An act[5] *to amend an act, intituled an act for clearing Mattapony river.*

An act[6] *to explain and amend an act, intituled an act to oblige the owners of mills, hedges, or ſtops, on the rivers therein mentioned, to make openings or ſlopes therein for the paſſage of fiſh.*

An act[7] *to amend an act, intituled an act to amend an act, intituled an act to oblige the owners of mills, hedges, or ſtone ſtops, on ſundry rivers therein mentioned, to make openings or ſlopes therein for the paſſage of fiſh, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[8] *for appointing truſtees to regulate the making of ſlopes for the paſſage of fiſh, in the mill dams within the county of Bedford.*

An act[9] *to revive the act, intituled an act for giving a ſalary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

An act[10] *for further continuing the act, intituled an act for appointing a Treaſurer.*

An act[11] *to enable the Nottoway Indians to leaſe certain Lands, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[12] *to amend an act, intituled an act for the better preſervation of the breed of deer, and preventing unlawful hunting.*

An act[13] *for making further proviſion for the ſupport and maintenance of Ideots, lunatics, and other perſons of unſound minds.*

An act[14] *for further continuing and amending the act, intituled an act for encreaſing the reward for killing wolves, within certain counties, to be paid by the reſpective counties wherein the ſervices ſhall be performed.*

An act[15] *for continuing and amending the act, intituled an act for deſtroying crows and ſquirrels in certain counties therein mentioned.*

An act[16] *for dividing the county of Frederick into three diſtinct counties.*

An act[17] *for dividing the county of Botetourt into two diſtinct counties.*

An act[18] *to appoint commiſſioners to ſtrike a dividing line between the counties of Stafford and King George.*

An act[19] *for adding part of the county of Nanſemond to the county of Iſle of Wright.*

An act[20] *for dividing the pariſhes of Southam, in the county of Cumberland, and Dale, in the county of Cheſterfield.*

An act[21] *for diſſolving the veſtries of the pariſh of* Saint Martin, *in the counties of Hanover and Louiſa, and of Saint John, in the county of King William.*

An act[22] *to empower the veſtry of the pariſh of Saint George, in Spotſylvania, to ſell part of the church yard.*

An act[23] *to allow the Miniſter of the pariſh of Antrim, in the county of Halifax, the ſame ſalary as other Miniſters are intitled to receive.*

An act[24] *to empower the corporation of the borough of Norfolk to aſſeſs a tax on the inhabitants thereof, for the purpoſe therein mentioned.*

An act[25] *to encourage the further ſettlement of the town of Alexandria, in the county of Fairfax.*

An act[26] *for eſtabliſhing the town of Fincaſtle, in the county of Botetourt.*

An act[27] *for appointing truſtees for the town of Cobham, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 556. 2 Ibid, VIII, p. 562. 3 Ibid, VIII, p. 564. 4 Ibid, VIII, p. 570.
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9 Ibid, VIII, p. 587. 10 Ibid, VIII, p. 588. 11 Ibid, VIII, p. 588. 12 Ibid, VIII, p. 591.
13 Ibid, VIII, p. 594. 14 Ibid, VIII, p. 595. 15 Ibid, VIII, p. 596. 16 Ibid, VIII, p. 597.
17 Ibid, VIII, p. 600. 18 Ibid, VIII, p. 601. 19 Ibid, VIII, p. 602. 20 Ibid, VIII, p. 603.
21 Ibid, VIII p. 607. 22 Ibid, VIII, p. 609. 23 Ibid, VIII, p. 610. 24 Ibid, VIII, p. 611.
25 Ibid, VIII, p. 613. 26 Ibid. VIII, p. 616. 27 Ibid, VIII, p. 617.

164 *An act*[1] *to prevent hogs and goats going at large in the town of Suffolk.*

An act[2] *to eſtabliſh a town on the land of John Ridor, in the county of Fauquier, and for other purpoſes.*

An act[3] *for continuing the act, intituled an act, for reimburſing the inhabitants of King William and Hanover counties for the expence of clearing Pamunkey river.*

An act[4] *for appointing commiſſioners to aſcertain the value of certain churches and chapels, in the pariſhes of Frederick, Norborne, and Beckford, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[5] *for appointing commiſſioners for ſelling the tobacco damaged in the public warehouſe, for inſpection of tobacco, at Morton's, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[6] *to enable Henrietta Marmillod to ſell and diſpoſe of the eſtate deviſed to her by her brother Nathaniel Walthoe, Eſq; deceaſed, notwithſtanding her coverture.*

An act[7] *to veſt certain intailed lands, whereof Philip Ludwell Grymes, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, in William Roane, Gentleman, in fee ſimple.*

An act[8] *to dock the intail of certain lands, whereof William Todd, Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[9] *to dock the intail of certain lands, whereof John Hancock is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other lands and ſlaves in lieu thereof.*

An act[10] *to dock the intail of certain lands, whereof Ralph Wormeley, Eſq; is ſeiſed.*

An act[11] *to dock the intail of certain land, whereof Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge is ſeiſed.*

An act[12] *for veſting in truſtees certain lands, whereof William Booth, Gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, are ſeiſed in fee tail, to be ſold, and for laying out the money, ariſing from the ſale, in purchaſing other lands, to be ſettled to the ſame uſes.*

An act[13] *to dock the intail of certain lands, whereof James Blackwell, the younger, is ſeiſed, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An act[14] *to veſt certain lands, whereof Colwell Pettypool, and Mary his wife, are ſeiſed in fee tail, in Joſeph Mayo, and for ſettling other land and ſlaves, to be purchaſed, in lieu thereof.*

A *reſolve* for paying four hundred and fifty pounds per annum to *William Rind*, the public printer.

A *reſolve* for paying a ſalary to the keeper of the public gaol.

A *reſolve* for paying a ſalary to *Peter Pelham*, organiſt.

A *reſolve* for paying a ſum of money, and an annuity, to *John Robinſon*.

A *reſolve* for paying a ſum of money to *Benjamin Powell*.

A *reſolve* for paying ſeveral ſums of money to *Andrew Eſtave*.

A *reſolve* for paying an annuity to *John Burton*.

A *reſolve* for paying ſeveral ſums of money to *Philip Hand*.

A *reſolve* for paying ſeveral ſums of money to the committee for examining the Treaſurer's accounts, and burning the treaſury notes.

A *reſolve* for paying ſeveral ſums of money to *George Booth*, and *Richard Allen*.

After which his *Excellency* was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council, and this Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, M[r] *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

The public Buſineſs being concluded, it becomes neceſſary to put an End to this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and I recommend to you to uſe your beſt Endeavours, in your ſeveral Counties, to infuſe that Spirit of Induſtry, which alone can make a Country flouriſh, and to promote a ſtrict Obſervance of that Order and Regularity, which are equally neceſſary to the Security of all good Government, as well as to the real Welfare of the People. On my Part, I ſhall ſtedfaſtly watch over the Preſervation of your Laws, and ever be ready to adminiſter them for the Protection of all your juſt Rights and Privileges.

I do prorogue you to Thurſday *the twenty-fifth of* June; *you are accordingly prorogued to* Thurſday *the twenty-fifth Day of* June *next.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 620. [2] Ibid, VIII, p. 621. [3] Ibid, VIII, p. 623. [4] Ibid, VIII, p. 623.
[5] Ibid, VIII, p. 626. [6] Ibid, VIII, p. 627. [7] Ibid, VIII, p. 630. [8] Ibid, VIII, p. 631.
[9] Ibid, VIII, p. 635. [10] Ibid, VIII, p. 637. [11] Ibid, VIII, p. 638. [12] Ibid, VIII, p. 640.
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